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Annual Report

TOWN OF

READING

MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31

1946

Town Officers

1946

Board of Selectmen

KENNETH C. LATHAM, Chairman	Term expires		1948
HERBERT K. MILLER, Secretary	"	"	1947
CHARLES E. WILKINSON	"	"	1949

†LEON G. BENT, Clerk
*MILDRED J. GRAY, Clerk

Board of Public Welfare

JOSEPH D. KNIGHT, Chairman	Term expires		1948
CLARENCE J. STALLIDAY, Secretary	"	"	1947
MILES C. HIGGINS	"	"	1949

EDWARD E. HARNDEN, Secretary and Superintendent
GLADYS M. WILSON, Social Worker

Bureau of Old Age Assistance

JOSEPH D. KNIGHT, Chairman	Term expires		1948
CLARENCE J. STALLIDAY	"	"	1947
MILES C. HIGGINS	"	"	1949

VIRGINIA C. SMITH, Secretary and Social Worker
†MARY F. DANIEL and RUTH C. SCHOLZ, Social Workers

Board of Assessors

HAROLD B. CURRELL, Chairman	Term expires		1947
RALPH T. HORN, Secretary	"	"	1949
††FRANK E. GRAY	"	"	1948
*ROBERT A. DENNISON	"	"	1947

Town Clerk
GUY W. ELLISON

Town Counsel
SAMUEL H. DAVIS

Moderator
SAMUEL H. DAVIS

Treasurer
PRESTON F. NICHOLS

Collector of Taxes
WILLIAM E. MORRISON
Term expires 1949

Town Accountant
† LEON G. BENT
*BOYD H. STEWART

Agent, Veterans' Benefits
CHARLES W. H. SMITH

† Retired
* Appointed to fill vacancy
‡ Deceased

Board of Public Works

WENDELL P. DAVIS, Chairman	Term expires		1948
ALEXANDER LINDSAY	Term expires		1948
EDWARD A. BROPHY	"	"	1949
HAROLD W. PUTNAM	"	"	1949
EDWARD TEER	"	"	1947

Board of Health

EDWARD M. HALLIGAN, M.D., Chairman	Term expires		1949
CHRISTINE F. ATKINSON, Secretary	"	"	1948
CHARLES R. BAISLEY, M.D.	"	"	1947

Finance Committee

W. GARDNER LONG, Chairman	Term expires		1948
WILLIAM A. CONNELLY, D.M.D.	"	"	1949
§JOHN L. DEVANEY	"	"	1949
*HORACE A. BAILEY	"	"	1949
§BENJAMIN HOWE	"	"	1949
*ERNEST E. GALLANT	"	"	1949
CLARENCE M. KIMBALL	"	"	1949
ALLAN H. STURGES	"	"	1949
MELVIN S. CROSBY	"	"	1947
GEORGE E. CURTIS	"	"	1947
WALTER M. FOWLER	"	"	1947
CARL W. PINKHAM	"	"	1947
G. LAWRENCE ROBERTS	"	"	1947
LOUIS DAVIS	"	"	1948
ROBERT E. FOWLE	"	"	1948
LAWRENCE J. RUST	"	"	1948
CHARLES STRATTON	"	"	1948

†LEON G. BENT, Clerk
*BOYD H. STEWART, Clerk

School Committee

J. WARREN KILLAM, JR., Chairman	Term expires		1947
GOULD B. RUGGLES	"	"	1947
MARY E. EARLEY	"	"	1948
MERLE W. WESCOTT, D.M.D.	"	"	1948
A. PERRY GLOVER	"	"	1949
GLADYS F. MILTON	"	"	1949

ELBRIDGE C. GROVER, Ph.D., Secretary

§Resigned
*Appointed to fill vacancy
†Retired

Superintendent of Schools
ELBRIDGE C. GROVER, Ph.D.

School Physician
THOMAS F. HALPIN, M.D.

School Nurse
MARGARET B. CLEWLEY

Attendance Officer
JEAN F. RAMSAY

Municipal Light Board

HENRY R. JOHNSON, Chairman	Term expires 1947
LOUIS ELLENWOOD, Secretary	" " 1949
HERBERT G. EVANS	" " 1948

Board of Registrars

WALTER A. SCANLON, Chairman	Term expires 1949
ROBERT S. RALSTON	" " 1947
§JAMES H. FLEMING	" " 1948
*LOUIS BACIGALUPO	" " 1948
GUY W. ELLISON, Clerk	

Board of Cemetery Trustees

§CLARENCE C. WHITE, Chairman	Term expires 1947
FRED L. NUTTER, Secretary	.." " 1949
JAMES W. FAIRCHILD	" " 1947
HARRY C. BARR	" " 1948
EDOUARD N. DUBE	" " 1948
§HAROLD F. DAVIS	" " 1949
*WILLIAM P. PIERPONT	" " 1947
*DAVID E. HERSEE	" " 1947
†WILLIAM P. PIERPONT, Supt.	

Planning Board

GEORGE B. PEASE, Chairman	Term expires 1947
A. LLOYD DAVID	" " 1948
WALTER D. BERRY	" " 1949
WINTHROP D. PARKER	" " 1949
PHILIP R. WHITE	" " 1947

Library Trustees

WILLIAM J. TONKS, Chairman	Term expires 1948
KATHERINE C. PIERCE, Secretary	" " 1948
C. NELSON BISHOP	" " 1949
SYDNEY M. HODSON	" " 1949
CHRISTIE W. FOWLE	" " 1947
NEIL C. ROBINSON	" " 1947
*HAROLD F. DAVIS, Supt.	

§Resigned
†Retired
*Appointed to fill vacancy

Commissioners of Trust Funds

H. RAYMOND JOHNSON, Chairman	Term expires 1949
ROBERT M. BROWN	" " 1947
§CLARENCE C. WHITE	" " 1951
*RALPH G. BABCOCK	" " 1951

Town Treasurer and Chairman of Selectmen members ex-officiis

Board of Appeal

HERBERT T. SCHOPPELRY	Term expires 1949
CLIFTON S. NICHOLS, Secretary	" " 1947
§ROBERT L. DEAN	" " 1948
*DUDLEY B. KILLAM	" " 1948

Associate Members Board of Appeal

EDWARD J. SCOTT	Term expires 1948
WILLIAM G. DAY	" " 1947
HOWARD T. CLINCH	" " 1949

Inspector of Milk and Food
CARL M. SMITH

Sealer of Weights and Measures
CARL M. SMITH

Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Inspector
†DAVID TAGGART
*KENNETH G. SHAW

Inspector of Animals
GARDINER A. LESTER, D.V.M

Inspector of Buildings
GEORGE H. SIDEBOTTOM

Game Warden
JAMES T. PUTNAM

Superintendent of Moth Work
MAURICE H. DONEGAN

Dog Officer
CHARLES H. MELENDY

Tree Warden
MAURICE H. DONEGAN
Term expires 1947

Burial Agent, Soldiers and Sailors
CHARLES E. TASNEY

Custodian of Soldiers and Sailors Graves
HARRY A. TURNER

Forest Warden
HUGH L. EAMES

Deputy Forest Wardens
MAURICE H. DONEGAN
CHARLES H. HESELTON
‡JOHN J. O'BRIEN
HERBERT L. ROBERTSON
*GEORGE W. GOODRIDGE

§Resigned
†Retired
*Appointed to fill vacancy

Constables

LEON G. BENT — ARTHUR L. HARRIS

Insurance Committee

Consists of Board of Selectmen, Town Treasurer
and Chairman of the Finance Committee

Contributory Retirement Board

PHILIP R. WHITE, Chairman — †LEON G. BENT, Secretary
‡JOHN J. O'BRIEN — *BOYD H. STEWART, Secretary
*THOMAS J. FITZPATRICK

Law Committee

Consists of Chairmen of the following Boards:

Board of Selectmen	Board of Assessors
Board of Health	Board of Public Welfare
School Committee	Board of Public Works

Municipal Light Board

Police Department

FRANCIS L. JOHNSON, Acting Chief
THOMAS E. WALL, Acting Chief

Sergeants

ARTHUR M. CURTIN — THOMAS J. FITZPATRICK

Patrolmen

TIMOTHY J. CULLINANE	PAUL F. JUNKINS
ROLAND E. ELLIS	EARL R. HUTCHINSON
JOSEPH M. GREENE	HAROLD W. O'BRIEN
FRANK R. FISHER	PATRICK J. PANTANO
JOHN F. BEAUDOIN	JOHN R. CONDON
WILLIAM E. FAULKNER	WILLIAM H. DEWSNAP

§GEORGE V. GAW

Keeper of the Lock-up

FRANCIS L. JOHNSON
THOMAS E. WALL

‡Deceased

†Retired

*Appointed to fill vacancy

Fire Department

HUGH L. EAMES, Chief
‡JOHN J. O'BRIEN, Deputy Chief
*CHARLES H. HESELTON, Deputy Chief

HERBERT L. ROBERTSON, Capt.
GEORGE W. GOODRIDGE, Lieut.
ALBERT C. MAXWELL
LEWIS C. HOLDEN
†ELMER A. DYKENS
JAMES S. PERRY
NELSON P. O'BRIEN
CLIFFORD E. LITCHFIELD
LESLIE C. HADLEY
DONALD C. MITCHELL
ROBERT W. SHANNON
ELMER A. DYKENS, JR.

Call Men

JOSEPH ARSENAULT
GEORGE F. BAXTER
FRANK X. BROWN
HOWARD E. BUSSELL
JOHN J. CARNEY
JAMES R. GAW
CHARLES N. CHASE
JOHN L. GOODRIDGE
H. HARVEY QUIGLEY
HERMAN L. REISSLE
GEORGE G. ROGERS
F. LIONEL SPRINGFORD
JOHN A. SPURR
WILLIAM R. VanHORN
GEORGE S. ZANNI
JAMES R. MERCER, JR.

Substitute Call Men

HENRY O. BALLOU
JOSHUA T. DAY, JR.
MYLES A. DENNO
GEORGE F. FOGG
DeMELLE G. GAREY
CLEMENT T. GLEASON
JOHN E. PALMER
RALPH E. VanHORN

Superintendent of Fire Alarm

HUGH L. EAMES

Inspector of Wires

ALBERT C. MAXWELL

Measurers of Lumber

†ELIAS B. CURRELL
FRED F. SMITH

Weighers of Coal and Hay

THOMAS E. BROGAN
BERTHA D. MacLELLAN
WENDELL B. NEWELL
CHARLES W. LEE
MABEL L. McKAY
PERCY N. SWEETSER
MOLLIE A. SWEETSER

Measurers of Wood and Bark

PERCY N. SWEETSER
‡ELIAS B. CURRELL
THOMAS F. BROGAN

§Resigned
‡Deceased
*Appointed to fill vacancy
†Retired

Field Drivers

ERNEST T. WAKEFIELD — ADOLPH S. LARSON
EDWARD E. NICHOLS

Fence Viewers

WENDELL B. NEWELL — CARL B. SAWYER
WARREN F. CHARLES

Committee on Town Forests

LELAND W. KINGMAN	Term expires 1949
ORVILLE O. ORDWAY	" " 1947
MAURICE H. DONEGAN	" " 1948

Post War Planning Committee

GEORGE B. PEASE, Chairman

WENDELL P. DAVIS — W. GARDNER LONG
H. WILSON POWERS — IRVING C. AUSTIN
FRANK D. TANNER — RALPH G. BABCOCK, Secretary

Capital Expenditures Planning Commmittee

WALTER D. BERRY, Chairman

JOHN L. DEVANEY — GEORGE R. BARRIS
JAMES R. MERCER, JR. — HENRY W. SHUMAKER
HORACE A. BAILEY — PHILIP R. WHITE
LEON G. BENT

Salvage Committee

OTIS B. RUGGLES, Chairman

C. NELSON BISHOP — ‡ARTHUR G. SIAS
WILLIAM T. FAIRCLOUGH — HARRY E. SMITH
CHRISTIE W. FOWLE — HARMON D. SMITH
JOHN L. GRIFFIN — MOLLIE A. SWEETSER
MARION V. HARRINGTON — PHILIP P. WELCH
ELMER J. LARSON — CHARLES F. TREVOR, Secty.

Recreation Committee

HERBERT K. MILLER, Chairman

HAROLD W. PUTNAM — MARY E. EARLEY
CHARLES F. LANCASTER, D.D.

Special Police Officers

JOHN F. MAGUIRE	Reading High School
PERCY W. CURTIS	Reading High School
WILLIAM A. LLOYD	Lowell St. School
EDWARD W. McBRIEN	Pearl St. School
KENNETH BEVERAGE	Junior High School
FREDERICK L. REISSLE	Junior High School

‡Deceased

SIMON CASTINE	Pearl St. School
WILLIAM BROUSSARD	Highland School
W. RAY YORKS	Highland School
LEANDER SMITH	Prospect St. and Chestnut Hill School
WILLIAM H. KILLAM	Masonic Block
GROVER C. EATON	Pumping Station
RALPH F. PLOUFF	Methodist Church
EDWARD E. HARNDEN	Center School Bldg.
CHARLES L. GOWING, JR.	Reading Theater
WILLIAM SLACK	Town Dump
FREDERICK W. BURNS	Town Forest
CHARLES E. LANGDON	Odd Fellows Bldg.
CARL W. PINKHAM	Reading Rifle & Rev. Club
WILLIAM N. RICHARDS	First National Bank
JACOB C. NEILSON	Skating Ponds
HENRY O. BALLOU	Mun. Bldg., Library, Center School
GEORGE G. ROGERS	Legion House
JAMES T. PUTNAM	Pumping Sta. & Vic. P.W. Property
WILLIAM H. PIERPONT	
CHARLES H. MELENDY	
J. EDWARD BLACK	
GEORGE W. HALL	
WILLIAM H. MILLER	
HUGH L. EAMES	
CHARLES E. HILTS	
HARRY A. TURNER	First Baptist Church
FRED C. CURTIS	Salem & Pearl Sts.
ALBERT C. MAXWELL	V.F.W. Quarters

Statistics

Population, census of 1945, 12,327
Registered Voters: Precinct No. 1 1738; Precinct No. 2 1777; Precinct No. 3 1758; Precinct No. 4 1787; total 7060.
Eighth Congressional District.
Sixth Councillor District
Seventh Middlesex Senatorial District.
Eighteenth Middlesex Representative District.
Representative in Congress, 8th District, Angier L. Goodwin, Melrose.
Councillor 6th District, Victor A. Friend, Melrose.
Senator 7th Middlesex District, George J. Evans, Wakefield.
Representatives 18th Middlesex District, Logan R. Dickie, Reading and Malcolm S. White, Woburn.

List of Jurors 1946 - 1947

Prepared by the Board of Selectmen

Name	Occupation	Residence
Abbott, Albert B.,	Bookkeeper	26 Shipkin Ave.
Abbott, George W.,	Sales Manager	32 Mineral St.
Ainsworth, Dennis J.,	Electrician	15 Woodbine St.
Albee, Curtis L.,	Dyestuff Tech.	10 Pine Ridge Rd.
Alger, Charles I.,	Salesman	144 Woburn St.
Alger, James W.,	Dairy Service Man	32 Federal St.
Anderson, Eric A. R.,	Cabinet Maker	16 Pennsylvania Ave.
Bailey, Horace A.,	Wholesale Dealer	93 Salem St.
Bancroft, Arthur W.,	Milk Dealer ..	63 West St.
Barnes, George E.,	Operator	103 Green St.
Barr, Harry C.,	Merchant	33 Highland St.
Barstow, Merton C.,	Public Accountant	77 Howard St.
Bates, H. Nelson,	Agent	23 Nelson Ave.
Batting, Joseph R.,	Structural Designer	114 Prescott St.
Beaudry, George B.,	Inspector	36 Pearl St.
Bell, J. Angus,	Salesman	87 Hanscom Ave.
Bliss, William C.,	Salesman	194 Pleasant St.
Bowers, Harrison W.,	Salesman	84 King St.
Brogan, Thomas E.,	Bookkeeper	5 Washington St.
Brown, Everett W.,	Credit Mgr.	100 John St
Brown, Robert M.,	Asst. Mgr.	165 Bancroft Ave.
Buckler, Harold E.,	Insurance	194 Summer Ave.
Byram, Joseph R.,	Decorator	68 Hillcrest Rd.
Camp, Harry Upson,	Elec. Contractor	28 Highland St.
Carpenter, Albert E. C.,	Sales Eng.	14 Vale Rd.
Castine, Simon A.,	Janitor	21 Green St.
Chase, Robert P.,	Salesman	18 Fairview Ave.
Christensen, Harold,	Florist	12 Sunnyside Ave.
Clapperton, John,	Shop Foreman	161 Pleasant St.
Coan, Donald W.,	Claim Manager	292 Summer Ave.
Cole, Benjamin,	Merchant	76 Deering St.
Collins, Henry O.,	Electrician	19 Glen Rd.
Collins, Walter R.,	Stock Clerk	139 Salem St.
Cooper, Carl C.,	President	167 Summer Ave.
Croswell, Ray R.,	Tel. Test Man	52 Hancock St
Cullinane, Jeremiah, Jr.,	Truck Driver	9 Mineral St.

Dacey, Frederick F., Superintendent	13 Hampshire Rd.
Darling, George H., Salesman	21 Fairview Ave.
Davis, Victor H., Mechanic	12 Arlington St.
Dean, Robert L., Sales Engineer	561 Pearl St.
DeMar, Clarence H., Printer	249 Forest St.
Desmond, Daniel J., Defense Worker	8 Center Ave.
Dinsmore, Curtis A., Saw Filer	273 Forest St.
Dolben, Alfred H., R. E. Broker	17 Bond St.
Ellison, Guy W., Town Clerk	92 Grand St
Fairclough, William T., Civil Engineer	125 Grove St.
Fienemann, Henry W., Sales Manager	51 Prospect St.
Flynn, John E., Chief Accountant	12 Parkview Rd.
Foxcroft, Francis R., Salesman	100 Prescott St.
Frost, Edgar L., Salesman	272 Ash St.
Gallagher, Francis A., Mail Carrier	179 Green St.
Gallant, Ernest E., Bank Cashier	48 Hanscom Ave.
Gardner, Herbert L., Custodian	15 Longfellow Rd.
Garey, DeMelle G., Map Mounter	15 Hopkins St.
Gleason, Clement T., Bank Clerk	53 Prescott St.
Goddard, Frank E., Accountant	68 Scotland Rd
Goodridge, Walter V., Clerk	103 Village St.
Graupner, Albert C., Jr., Asst. Ticket Agent	91 Pleasant St
Graupner, Frank C., Office Manager	149 Pleasant St.
Griffiths, Eleazer H., Clerk	71 Harrison St.
Gunn, George W., Tel. Engineer	37 School St.
Hall, Burt S., Civil Engineer	25 Prescott St.
Halloran, Martin J., Jr., Bookkeeper	22 Prescott St.
Harris, Marshall P., Salesman	143 Prospect St.
Harris, Wilbur L., Clerk	868 Main St
Hegarty, Michael J., Store Manager	24 Oak St.
Holmes, Henry J., Clerk	16 Gardner Rd.
Hopkins, Arthur F., Wholesale Grain	40 Scotland Rd.
Horton, Lawrence L., General Manager	70 Highland St.
Hulsman, Kenneth G., Civil Engineer	284 Woburn St.
Johnson, Edward N., Farmer	10 Sylvan Rd.
Kelleher, Charles G., Railroading	95 Howard St.
Kelley, C. Wilfred, Stereotyper	46 Fairview Ave.
Keneely, Ralph S., Retail Salesman	189 Haven St.
Kimball, Clarence M., Accountant	280 Woburn St.
Kimball, Walter B., Salesman	269 West St.
King, Chester R., Painter	140 Village St.

Knapp, Arthur C., Engineer	35 Pinevale Ave
Knudson, Benjamin, Jr. Superintendent	60 Hanscom Ave.
Lane, Melvin C., Freight Service Rep.	87 Hopkins St.
Lowell, Ernest T., Shoecutter	76 Linden St.
Lucas, Kenneth A., Civil Engineer	565 Franklin St.
Lyle, Robert P., Income Tax Acct.	364 Lowell St.
MacLean, John P., Salesman	8 Copeland Ave.
MacLellan, Harry R., Salesman	123 Woburn St.
Mason, Philip E., Chemist	127 Prospect St.
Mathieson, Angus G., Candy Maker	20 Mineral St.
McLaughlin, James A., N. E. T. & T. Co.	63 Vine St.
Michelini, Ralph A., Salesman	55 Walnut St.
Miller, Herbert K., Ex. Secretary	23 Fairview Ave.
Morss, Lawrence V., Tel. Test Man	7 Bond St.
Mullen, Charles A., Manager	138 Woburn St.
Nesmith, Arthur S., Auto Dealer	93 King St.
Nichols, Ralph L., Accountant	69 Hanscom Ave.
Ninde, George E., Accountant	171 Woburn St.
Norton, Robert D., Bank Clerk	19 Sunnyside Ave.
Parker, Harold F., Insurance	76 Vine St.
Parker, Moses C., Mechanic	166 Washington St.
Perry, Prospier R., Bus Driver	189 Green St.
Phippin, Harry I., Salesman	126 Summer Ave.
Pierce, Lewis E., Telephone Engineer	13 Elliott St.
Pitman, Carl B., Banker	23 Oak St.
Powers, Henry W., Funeral Director	65 Harnden St.
Pratt, Wilfred E., Investigator	332 Summer Ave.
Prescott, Lincoln T., Office Manager	28 Thorndike St.
Ralston, Robert S., Compositor	9 Dudley St.
Reynolds, Chester A., Tel. Eng.	14 Berkeley St.
Richards, Homer F., Engineer	54 Fairview Ave.
Richardson, Raymond C., Salesman	35 Pine Ridge Rd.
Richmond, Ernest D., Jr., Boat Builder	24 Longview Rd.
Robbins, George, Upholsterer	8 Ordway Ter.
Roberts, Carl W., Civil Engineer	10 Deering St.

Rollins, Edwin E., Salesman	71 Vine St.
Sawyer, Kenneth E., Inspector W.U.	167 Lowell St.
Schaeffer, Frank W., Asst. Engineer	74 Prescott St.
Shumaker, Henry W., Asst. Treasurer	35 School St.
Sias, Wilbur S., Foreman	1244 Main St.
Smith, Charles W. H., Retired	155 Wakefield St.
Smith, John A., Adv. Exec.	11 Pine Ridge Rd.
Spillane, Patrick J., Window Contractor	42 Park Ave.
Springford, F. Lionel, Jr., Treasurer	35 Grand St.
Stewart, Edward B., Sales Manager	18 School St.
Stimpson, George H., Light Plant Operator	14 Kingston St.
Sullivan, Martin V. B., Wool Salesman	93 Summer Ave.
Taylor, Walter F., Operator	54 Pleasant St.
Teel, C. Sumner, Insurance	113 Walnut St.
Titcomb, Hubert B., Sales Manager	31 Pine Ridge Rd.
Torre, Frank J., Merchant	633 Main St.
Turner, Clifton H., Clerk	16 Eaton St.
Viall, Milton B., Salesman	175 Bancroft Ave
Wakefield, Ernest T., Farmer	42 John St.
Waterhouse, George C., Machine Operator	20 Spring St.
Widdell, John M., Clerk	8 Glen Rd.
Wilcox, Loring F., Insurance Broker	67 Hillcrest Rd.
Whitney, Glenn E., Insurance	238 Woburn St

CHARLES E. WILKINSON,
KENNETH C. LATHAM,
HERBERT K. MILLER,

Selectmen of Reading, Mass.

July 1, 1946

Report of the Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 4, 1946

TOWN WARRANT

(Seal)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Reading, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in elections, to meet in Odd Fellows Building, Woburn Street, in said Reading, as the polling place designated for the four precincts in said Town, on Monday, the Fourth Day of March, A.D. 1946 at seven thirty o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To elect by ballot the following Town Officers: A Moderator for one year; Town Clerk for one year; one member of the Board of Selectmen for three years; one member of the Board of Public Welfare for three years; one member of the Board of Assessors for three years; Treasurer for one year; Collector of Taxes for three years; two members of the Board of Public Works for three years; two Constables for one year; one member of the Municipal Light Board for three years; one member of the Board of Health for three years; two members of the School Committee for three years; one member of the School Committee for one year; two members of the Trustees of the Public Library for three years; one member of the Trustees of the Public Library for one year; two members of the Planning Board for three years; two members of the Board of Cemetery Trustees for three years; also in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1943 in each of the four precincts the number of town meeting members as hereinafter specified: Precinct I, fifteen members for three years; one member for one year; Precinct II, fifteen members for three years; Precinct III, fifteen members for three years; one member for one year and two members for two years to fill vacancies; Precinct IV, fifteen members for three years; one member for two years to fill vacancy;

And to bring in their votes "Yes" or "No" on the following question: "Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and forty-five, entitled 'An Act Relative to Equal Pay for Men and Women Teachers,' be in force in this town?"

For these purposes the polls will be opened at each of the four precincts at 7:30 o'clock A.M. and will close at 8 o'clock P.M.

And to meet in Security Hall, Woburn Street, in said Reading, on Monday, the Eleventh Day of March, A.D. 1946, at seven forty-five o'clock in the evening at which time and place the following articles are to be acted upon and determined exclusively by Town Meeting Members in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1943.

Article 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Board of Selectmen, Town Accountant, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Board of Assessors, Board of Public Works, Town Clerk, Tree Warden, Board of Health, Board of Public Welfare, School Committee, Public Library Trustees, Municipal Light Board, Finance Committee, Contributory Retirement Board, Cemetery Trustees, Planning Board and any other Boards or Special Committees.

Article 3. To choose all other necessary town officers and special committees and determine what instructions shall be given town officers and special committees.

Article 4. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for General Government, Protection of Persons and Property, Health and Sanitation, Board of Public Works, including Highways, Sidewalks, Drainage, Common Parks and Supervised Play, Water Department and Sewer Department, Public Dumps, Charities and Aid, Veterans' Benefits, Public Schools, Public Library, Cemeteries, Memorial Day Observance, Municipal Light Department, Street Lighting, Maturing Debt, Interest, Insurance, Contributory Retirement System, Reserve Fund, Publication of a Street List for 1946, further development of the Town Forest and General Accounts.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1947 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws. Town Treasurer

Article 6. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of foreclosing in the Land Court pursuant to provisions of Section 65 of Chapter 60 of the General Laws the right of redemption to any and all real estate taken by the Town for non-payment of taxes, or what it will do in relation thereto. Town Treasurer

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance and Construction to be used in connection with monies received from the State and County, or what it will do in relation thereto. Town Treasurer

Article 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred dollars ($800.00) for the care of graves of any persons who have served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States, in time of war or insurrection, and who have been honorably discharged from such service, as provided by Section 22, Chapter 115, General Laws, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 9. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate to pay into the Contributory Retirement System for Municipal employees, excluding school teachers, for the benefit of municipal employees on military leave of absence during the year 1945 as provided for and under the authority of Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1943, or what it will do in relation thereto. Contributory Retirement Board

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase, eminent domain, lease, gift or otherwise, certain parcels of land, easements, rights of way or other interests therein, such parcels being situated westerly of Main Street and shown as lots 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 15 on Town of Reading Assessors' Plat No. 1, or such portions thereof as may be determined by the Board of Selectmen, for providing a Municipal Parking Area and to see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate by borrowing or otherwise for such acquisition and construction or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 11. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell upon such terms and conditions as they may determine, two parcels of land owned by the Town as follows: 15,940 sq. ft. of land at the southeasterly corner of Union and Middle Streets, and 15,863 sq. ft. of land at the southwesterly corner of Union and John Streets, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 12. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the proceeds derived from the sale of scrap, waste paper, and other materials collected for salvage, for the expenses of such collections, and for any purpose relating to the welfare, benefit, or commemorating, or observing the service of persons who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War II, and his or her dependents, such sums to be expended as may be determined from time to time, and under the direction of a committee consisting of the Board of Selectmen, the Chairman and the Secretary of the Salvage Committee, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or otherwise dispose of, upon such terms and conditions as they may determine, the civilian defense equipment or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 14. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for remodeling the building now used by the Welfare Department and

located on the Easterly side of John Street, for the purpose of garaging the trucks and equipment of the Moth Department or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-laws of the Town by repealing Section 5A of Article X, being a By-law providing for a curfew. Board of Selectmen

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 58A of Chapter 48 of the General Laws, being a law regulating the hours of duty of permanent members of the Fire Department of the Town or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section IIIA of Chapter 41 of the General Laws being a law providing for vacations for members of the regular or permanent Police and Fire forces in the Town or what it will do in relation thereto.
Board of Selectmen

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 635 of the Acts of 1945 being an act providing for advances of their vacation pay to officers and employees of the Town or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to amend the third paragraph of Section 1 of the By-laws by striking out in the third line thereof, the word "second" and substituting in place thereof the word "third": —so said paragraph will read as follows:

Upon completing the election and counting the votes and declaring the result thereof, the meeting shall stand adjourned until the third Monday of March, at such time as the Selectmen shall name in the warrant calling the meeting for the transaction of all other business that may be properly brought before the meeting. Board of Selectmen

Article 20. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the Cemetery Reserve for the permanent development of Laurel Hill and Forest Glen Cemeteries, or what it will do in relation thereto.
Cemetery Trustees

Article 21. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds for the purpose of maintaining, repairing, purchasing and operating road machinery and equipment for the use of, and under the direction of the Board of Public Works, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Public Works

Article 22. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate by transferring from available funds for the purpose of constructing an addition to the Municipal Garage located on John Street for the Water Department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept on behalf of the Town for use in carrying out such project any Federal Funds which may be granted therefor, or what it will do in relation thereto.
Board of Public Works

Article 23. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of improving and constructing a portion of Main Street from Washington Street Northerly toward Reading Square under Section 34, Chapter 90 of the General Laws, together with such sums as may be provided by the State and County, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

Article 24. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of improving and constructing a portion of Charles Street from Pearl Street Northerly toward Haverhill Street under Section 34, Chapter 90 of the General Laws, together with such sums as may be provided by the State and County, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

Article 25. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of improving and constructing a portion of Lowell Street from Grand Street Southeasterly toward Reading Square under Section 34, Chapter 90 of the General Laws, together with such sums as may be provided by the State and County, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

Article 26. To see what sum or sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of completing the construction of West Hill Circle, Wescroft Road and Springvale Road laid out by the Town at the Annual Town Meeting held March 17, 1941 under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Board of Public Works upon the laying out as a public highway of a private way known as Cape Cod Avenue, under provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, such highway being laid out in accordance with plan duly approved by the Board of Survey and filed in the office of the Town Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements, and to see if the Town will accept the public way laid out by the Board of Public Works as Cape Cod Avenue, and to see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the said laying out and the construction of said way, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Board of Public Works upon the laying out as a public highway of a private way known as Wood End Lane, under provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, such highway being laid out in accordance with plan duly approved by the Board of Survey and filed in the office of the Town Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements, and to see if the Town will accept the public way laid out by the Board of Public Works as Wood End Lane, and to see what sum the

Town will raise and appropriate for the said laying out and the construction of said way, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

Article 29. To see what sum the Town will raise in part from the Tax Levy and in part by transferring from available funds and appropriate, for the purpose of erecting a flagpole on Reading Common or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Public Works

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Public Works to demolish, sell or otherwise dispose of for demolition upon such terms and conditions as they may determine the Barn, so-called, in Memorial Park and to further authorize and empower said Board to execute in the name and behalf of the Town any and all instruments which may be necessary to effectuate such demolition or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Public Works

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article X of the By-laws by adding after Section 5 a new Section to be known as Section 5A.

Section 5A. The Superintendent of the Board of Public Works, for the purpose of removing or plowing snow, or removing ice, from any way within the limits of the Town, may remove or cause to be removed to some public garage or other convenient place, any vehicle parked upon such highway in such a manner so as to interfere with such work, and the storage charges and other cost of such removal shall be borne and paid by the owner of such vehicle. Board of Public Works

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Public Works to sell upon such terms and conditions as they may determine the machinery and equipment located in the Mill Street Pumping Station or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

Article 33. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of conducting and promoting recreation, play, sport, physical education and other social, educational and recreational activities upon such land and buildings as defined in Section 14 of Chapter 45 of the General Laws, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Recreation Committee

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, six parcels of land, together with buildings thereon, lying northerly and being adjacent to the present Senior High School lot and situated on Linden, Lowell and Sanborn Streets, for construction of Senior High School, and to see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate, by borrowing or otherwise, for such purchase or taking or what it will do in relation thereto. School Committee

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, certain tract or tracts of land, with the buildings thereon, in or adjoining Birch Meadow, so-called, and to dedicate certain other parcels of land now owned by the Town and situated in or near Birch Meadow, as the School Committee may deem advisable, for the construction of Senior High School, and to see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate by borrowing or otherwise, for such purchase or taking or what it will do in relation thereto.

School Committee

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, certain parcels of land in Birch Meadow, so-called, being lots 45, a portion 61 and 61A, 62, 63, 65, 99 and 99A, as shown on Town of Reading Assessors' plat 35, for the construction of an elementary school building, and to see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate, by borrowing or otherwise, for such purchase or taking or what it will do in relation thereto. School Committee

Article 37. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the preparation of plans, surveys and specifications and the architectural and engineering services which may be necessary for new Senior High School building or what it will do in relation thereto.

School Committee

Article 38. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purchase and installation of additional bleachers for the Junior High School Athletic Field or what it will do in relation thereto.

School Committee

Article 39. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the transportation of school children for the year 1946 or what it will do in relation thereto. School Committee

Article 40. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate to provide for cafeterias in the Highland and Pearl Street schools or what it will do in relation thereto. School Committee

Article 41. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate to pay into the teachers retirement system for the benefit of teachers on military leave of absence during the year 1945 as provided for and under authority of Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1943, or what it will do in relation thereto. School Committee

Article 42. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the payment of certain unpaid bills for the year 1945 in the School Department Tuition Account in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 1941, or what it will do in relation thereto.

School Committee

Article 43. To see what action the Town will take regarding the installation of additional street lights on the public streets during the year 1946, or what it will do in relation thereto. Municipal Light Board

Article 44. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to sell upon such terms and conditions as they may determine the generating equipment at the power station, or what it will do in relation thereto. Municipal Light Board

Article 45. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the general expenses of the Capital Expenditures Planning Committee or what it will do in relation thereto.
Capital Expenditures Planning Committee

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars ($100), and the Selectmen appoint a Director, the Director to cooperate with the Middlesex County Trustees for the County Aid to Agriculture and work of the Middlesex County Extension Service and the 4-H Clubs, under provisions of Section 40 to 45 Chapter 128, General Laws of Massachusetts, or what it will do in relation thereto. Lois M. Connor and others

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Library Trustees to obtain an advance from the Federal Government for the preparation of Plans and Engineering services for the addition and extension to the Public Library Building and to further authorize and empower the chairman of the Board of Library Trustees to execute for and in behalf of the Town such applications, agreements and other documents with the Federal Works Agency Bureau of Community Facilities which may be necessary for the purpose of securing such advance or what it will do in relation thereto.
Board of Public Library Trustees

Article 48. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of providing by lease or otherwise suitable headquarters for Reading Post 685 Veterans of Foreign Wars or what it will do in relation thereto. Lester W. Edwards and others

Article 49. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of providing by lease or otherwise suitable headquarters for Reading Post 62 of the American Legion or what it will do in relation thereto. Charles A. Moores and others

Article 50. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars ($400.00) for Child Welfare Work, to be expended under the direction of the Reading Visiting Nurse Association and the Board of Health or what it will do in relation thereto.
Frances K. Wright and others

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in at least three public places in each of the four precincts of the Town not less than seven days prior to March 4, 1946, the date

set for the meeting in said warrant and to cause this warrant to be published in the Reading Chronicle one day at least prior to said date.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of February A.D. 1946.

KENNETH C. LATHAM
HERBERT K. MILLER
CHARLES E. WILKINSON
Selectmen of Reading

Officer's Return

Reading, Mass., Feb. 22, 1946

Middlesex, ss.

By virtue of this warrant, I this day, notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in Security Hall, Woburn Street in said Reading, as the designated place for the four precincts of the Town, at the time specified in the warrant, by posting attested copies in the following public places within the Town of Reading:

Precinct 1. Austin's Lunch Room, 17 Harnden Street; Danforth's Drug Store, 1 Harnden Street; Central Fire Station.

Precinct 2. Masonic Temple Building; Lyceum Hall Building; M. F. Charles & Sons Store, 610 Main Street; Boston & Maine Railroad Depot.

Precinct 3. Waterhouse Neighborhood Store, 36 Mineral Street; Benny's Neighborhood Store, 168 Lowell Street; Fire Station.

Precinct 4. Municipal Building; Zitzow's Neighborhood Store, 287 Lowell Street; McLaughlin's Neighborhood Store, 1051 Main Street. the date of posting being more than seven days prior to March 4, 1946, the date set for the meeting in this warrant.

I also caused an attested copy of this warrant to be published in the Reading Chronicle in the issue of March 1, 1946, the same being more than one day prior to the date of said meeting.

LEON G. BENT,
Constable of Reading

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

Pursuant to the warrant and the Constable's Return thereof, a Town Election was held at the time and place specified in the warrant, and was called to order by the Moderator, Samuel H. Davis.

The Clerk partially read the warrant, when on motion of Leon G. Bent it was voted to dispense with the further reading of the warrant except the Constable's Return which was duly read by the Clerk.

The keys to the ballot boxes were turned over to the Constable in charge, the ballot boxes were examined and found to be empty and registered 000.

The polls were then declared open at 7:30 o'clock A.M. and were closed at 8:00 P.M. with the following result:

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Totals
Moderator for one year					
Samuel H. Davis, 97 Highland St.	391	415	496	504	1806
Blanks	70	80	72	89	311
	461	495	568	593	2117
Town Clerk for one year					
Guy W. Ellison, 92 Grand St.	243	300	390	316	1249
Charles W. H. Smith, 155 Wakefield St.	144	130	135	216	625
Ralph E. Wilson, 196 Main St.	63	47	34	40	184
Blanks	11	18	9	21	59
	461	495	568	593	2117
Selectman for three years					
Carl W. Goodridge, 206 Bancroft Ave.	194	170	167	225	756
Charles E. Wilkinson, 69 Middlesex Ave.	244	306	391	351	1292
Blanks	23	19	10	17	69
	461	495	568	593	2117
Board of Public Welfare for three years					
Kittie M. Bangs, 153 Bancroft Ave.	114	114	99	117	444
Miles C. Higgins, 8 Sanborn St.	336	360	456	448	1600
Blanks	11	21	13	28	73
	461	495	568	593	2117
Assessor for three years					
Arthur S. Cook, 21 Sanborn St.	167	139	150	216	672
Ralph T. Horn, 46 Grand St.	178	204	290	260	932
Carlyle F. Quimby, 42 Pratt St.	106	133	115	105	459
Blanks	10	19	13	12	54
	461	495	568	593	2117

Treasurer for one year					
Preston F. Nichols, 68 Linden St.	410	429	513	533	1885
Blanks	51	66	55	60	232
	461	495	568	593	2117
Collector of Taxes for three years					
William E. Morrison, 21 Pilgrim Road	415	441	523	538	1917
Blanks	46	54	45	55	200
	461	495	568	593	2117
Municipal Light Board for three years					
Louis Ellenwood, 326 Haven St.	393	414	467	510	1784
Blanks	68	81	101	83	333
	461	495	568	593	2117
Two Constables for one year					
Leon G. Bent, 767 Main St.	386	403	483	497	1769
Arthur L. Harris, 59 Oak St.	347	379	466	464	1656
Blanks	189	208	187	225	809
	922	990	1136	1186	4234
Two members of the Board of Public Works for three years					
Edward A. Brophy, 942 Main St.	377	405	483	496	1761
Harold W. Putnam, 147 Bancroft Ave.	366	388	490	500	1744
Blanks	179	197	163	190	729
	922	990	1136	1186	4234
Board of Health for three years					
Edward M. Halligan, 37 Salem St.	411	436	519	528	1894
Blanks	50	59	49	65	223
	461	495	568	593	2117
Two members of the School Committee for three years					
Alexander P. Glover, 158 Prescott St.	373	405	489	485	1752
Gladys F. Milton, 281 Summer Ave.	361	384	479	492	1716
Blanks	188	201	168	209	766
	922	990	1136	1186	4234
One member of the School Committee for one year					
Gould B. Ruggles, 224 High St.	388	407	500	493	1788
Blanks	73	88	68	100	329
	461	495	568	593	2117

Two Trustees Public Library for three years					
C. Nelson Bishop, 55 Lowell St.	374	390	482	492	1738
Sydney M. Hodson, 51 Oak St.	394	414	497	516	1821
Blanks	154	186	157	178	675
	922	990	1136	1186	4234
One Trustee Public Library for one year					
Neil C. Robinson, 15 Vista Ave.	382	409	501	508	1800
Blanks	79	86	67	85	317
	461	495	568	593	2117
Two Trustees Cemeteries for three years					
James E. Calvin, 25 Sanborn St.	208	193	231	236	868
Harold F. Davis, 17 Forest Glen Rd.	271	300	357	397	1325
Fred L. Nutter, 47 Linden St.	295	319	403	390	1407
Blanks	148	178	145	163	634
	922	990	1136	1186	4234
Two Members Planning Board for three years					
Walter D. Berry, 26 Virginia Road	358	384	474	474	1690
Winthrop D. Parker, 1 Charles St.	376	392	479	480	1727
Blanks	188	214	183	232	817
	922	990	1136	1186	4234
Question—"An act relative to equal pay for men and women teachers"					
Yes	219	195	247	279	940
No	136	172	219	183	710
Blanks	106	128	102	131	467
	461	495	568	593	2117

Precinct 1

Fifteen Town Meeting Members for three years

Harold M. Rogers, 119 Salem St.	348
Lewis E. Pierce, 13 Elliott St.	344
Karl R. Saunders, 57 Cross St.	343
Lincoln T. Prescott, 28 Thorndike St.	342
Douglas B. Lincoln, 335 Haven St.	340
Harold W. Cogger, 9 Cross St.	337
Harold L. Jones, 19 Belmont St.	337
Thomas A. Ratchford, 19 Wilson St.	336
Robert E. Chapman, 521 Summer Ave.	330

Louise B. Jenkins, 161 Salem St.	330
Lester W. Edward, 14 Gardner Rd.	323
Ernest T. Wakefield, 42 John St.	319
Mary F. Daniel, 7 Harnden St.	316
Clarence J. Stalliday, 64 Pearl St.	309
Clinton A. Duff, 5 Fairmount Rd.	302
Charles Wilson, 6 Gardner Rd.	247
Blanks	1710
Total	6915

Precinct 2

Fifteen Town Meeting Members for three years

Irving C. Austin, 180 Prescott St.	395
Rudolf Sussman, 187 West St.	387
C. Sumner Teel, 113 Walnut St.	387
Miles C. Higgins, 8 Sanborn St.	387
Lawrence A. Partelow, 17 Pine Ridge Rd.	384
Ernest C. Alward, 450 Summer Ave.	377
Esther Goodale, 129 West St.	376
Roger M. Blood, 15 Oak Ridge Rd.	374
Roger P. Eaton, 22 Echo Ave.	373
DeMelle G. Garey, 15 Hopkins St.	373
Harrison G. Dodge, 228 West St.	372
Kenneth G. Hulsman, 284 Woburn St.	372
Marion B. Temple, 32 Hillcrest Rd.	371
Herbert G. Evans, 54 Howard St.	367
Frederick D. B. Ingalls, 1 Hopkins St.	366
Blanks	1764
Total	7425

Precinct 3

Fifteen Town Meeting Members for three years

Irving Alger, 144 Woburn St.	433
Melvin S. Crosby, 50 Middlesex Ave.	421
Lester C. Boston, 43 Vine St.	402
Robert F. Perry, 22 Dudley St.	401
Joseph H. Reed, 78 Middlesex Ave.	396
Philip R. White, 189 Summer Ave.	394
Ernest D. Richmond, Jr., 24 Longview Rd.	376
J. Henry Carleton, 163 Woburn St.	373
George B. Pease, 181 Summer Ave.	373
Blanche M. Davis, 155 Woburn St.	372
Harold F. Parker, 76 Vine St.	369

Clement T. Gleason, 53 Prescott St.	355
Philip E. Mason, 127 Prospect St.	355
Hugh N. Turner, 85 Vine St.	354
William A. Connelly, 129 High St.	321
Stephen A. Abbott, 25 Prospect St.	316
George A. Estabrook, 125 Middlesex Ave.	278
Alfred W. Rooney, 15 Willow St.	267
Philip P. Welch, 10 Lee St.	249
Blanks	1715
Total	8520

Precinct 3

Two Town Meeting Members for two years (to fill vacancy)

Lewis E. Gilman, 119 Summer Ave.	406
John R. Kay, 50 Grand St.	399
Daniel Madio, 24 Pilgrim Rd.	111
Blanks	220
Total	1136

Precinct 3

One Town Meeting Member for one year (to fill vacancy)

Newell H. Morton, 198 Woburn St.	499
Blanks	69
Total	568

Precinct 4

Fifteen Town Meeting Members for three years

Florence L. Burnham, 89 Highland St.	402
Robert A. Curtis, 186 Bancroft Ave.	399
William P. Webb, 309 Pearl St.	393
Lawrence E. Frost, 5 John Carver Rd.	386
Robert L. Dean, 561 Pearl St.	380
E. Whitcomb Woodward, 60 Highland St.	378
Stanley R. Gerard, 101 Hanscom Ave.	373
Charles W. H. Smith, 155 Wakefield St.	370
Dana H. Barber, 12 Hampshire Rd.	370
Walter F. Cutcliffe, 50 Locust St.	370
Benjamin Knudson, Jr., 60 Hanscom Ave.	364
Elbridge A. Lucas, 565 Franklin St.	361
Lawrence J. Rust, 39 John Carver Rd.	360
Clifford R. Nelson, 83 Hanscom Ave.	358
Arthur B. Eastman, 5 Wells Rd.	309
Earle A. Eastman, 2 Waverly Rd.	260
George E. Durgin, 562 Pearl St.	252

Sydney L. Curry, 405 Lowell St.	238
Coleman J. Donahue, 9 Lawrence Rd.	175
Hugh P. McGee, 14 Grove St.	168
Blanks	2230
Total	8895

Precinct 4

One Town Meeting Member for two years (to fill vacancy)

Florence C. Robinson, 1137 Main St.	459
Blanks	134
Total	593

The following persons served as Election Officers:

Precinct 1

Ballot Box	Jessie N. Thaxter, 11 Winter St.
Ballot Clerk	John W. Goff, 75 Hancock St.
Checkers	Harriet P. Leuchtman, 18 Belmont St. Catherine L. Doherty, 111 Green St. Martha Stark, 73 Eaton St. Jemima W. Clapperton, 161 Pleasant St.
Counters	M. Gertrude Ballou, 71 Green St. Mary E. Doran, 33 Orange St. Annie C. O'Malley, 74 Minot St. Margaret J. Curtin, 75 Harrison St.

Precinct 2

Ballot Box	George N. Bishop, 60 Hillcrest Rd.
Ballot Clerk	Catherine E. Reilly, 64 Minot St.
Checkers	Harriet R. Cummings, 22 Haven St. Nellie E. Whelton, 7 High St. Mary C. Barrett, 38 Warren Ave. Catherine A. Greene, 32 School St.
Counters	Sadie D. Kaplan, 93 Washington St. Alberta L. Nichols, 100 Washington St. Rose A. Gadbois, 8 Maple St. Jennie V. Bancroft, 16 Chute St.

Precinct 3

Ballot Box	Gladys R. Dickinson, 25 Arlington St.
Ballot Clerk	Minnie A. Heselton, 17 Berkeley St.
Checkers	Rebecca T. Emery, 65 Middlesex Ave.
	Ina M. Berquist, 3 Berkeley St.
	Norma P. Perley, 89 Vine St.
	Eleanor S. Michelini, 48 Prescott St.
Counters	Catherine V. Wright, 21 Arlington St.
	Edith Moses, 33 Dudley St.
	Grace E. Wooldridge, 156 High St.
	Bertha L. Skinner, 70 Mineral St.

Precinct 4

Ballot Box	Alfred Kimball, 18 Hanscom Ave.
Ballot Clerk	Mabel Bennett, 38 Highland St.
Checkers	Mary C. Horrocks, 63 Highland St.
	Mary V. O'Brien, 169 Lowell St.
	Flora B. Poock, 50 Federal St.
	Eva F. Gleason, 37 Woburn St.
Counters	Dorothy Williams, 265 Lowell St.
	Elizabeth M. Bates, 23 Nelson Ave.
	Catherine G. Doucette, 89 Woburn St.
	Charles C. Wakefield, 22 Mt. Vernon St.
Tabulators	Walter A. Scanlon, 331 Haven St.
	J. Robert Clark, 81 Ash St.
	A. L. Mains, 16 Green St.
	Arthur J. Doucette, 2 Warren Ave.
	Harold M. Flater, 33 Minot St.
	George V. Gaw, 337 Pearl St.
	William E. Dewsnap, Jr., 326 Franklin St.

Leon G. Bent posted the warrant.

A true record. Attest:

WILLIAM E. MORRISON,

Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Security Hall March 11, 1946

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Samuel H. Davis at 7:55 P.M.

The fact that this meeting was an adjourned meeting of the March 4, 1946 meeting, no notice was required by the Town Clerk.

The new Town Meeting Members were requested to stand and be sworn to office by the Town Moderator.

The Town Clerk partially read the warrant when on the motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to dispense with the further reading of the warrant, except the Constable's Return, which was then read by the Town Clerk.

Article 2. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to lay Article 2 on the table.

Mr. Kenneth C. Latham announced that inasmuch as the Town Meeting Members did not have sufficient time to study the various budgets of Town Departments, that it be the policy of this meeting to defer the consideration of articles calling for appropriations of money until the adjournment of this meeting, which adjournment was suggested for one week. The Moderator thereupon took the sense of the meeting and it was

VOTED: To adopt the policy suggested by Mr. Latham.

Article 3. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the following be chosen to serve as Measurers of Lumber for the ensuing year:

Elias B. Currell
Fred F. Smith

And that the following be chosen to serve as Measurers of Wood and Bark:

Percy N. Sweetser
Elias B. Currell
Thomas F. Brogan

Article 3. On motion of Douglas B. Lincoln it was moved and voted that the Municipal Light Board be, and hereby is, directed to co-operate completely with all other Town Boards and with the Finance Committee on the subject of wages and general employment policy.

Article 5. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take up Article 5.

On motion of Leon G. Bent it was moved and voted that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and he hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1947, and to issue note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year. in accordance with Section 17 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 11. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take up Article 11.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was moved and voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered for and in behalf of the town, to sell upon such terms and conditions as they may determine, two parcels of land owned by the Town as follows: 15,940 square feet of land at the southeasterly corner of Union and Middle Streets, and 15,863 square feet of land at the southwesterly corner of Union and John Streets, and said Board are further authorized and empowered to execute for and in the name of the Town, Deeds of Conveyance and such other instruments which may be necessary for conveying said lots to the purchasers thereof.

Article 13. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was moved to take up Article 13.

On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was moved and voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to sell or otherwise dispose of, upon such terms and conditions as they may determine, the civilian defense equipment, and said Board are further authorized and empowered to execute any and all instruments which may be necessary transferring said personal property to the purchasers thereof.

Article 17. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take up Article 17.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham, it was moved and voted that the provisions of Section 111A of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, being a law providing for vacations for members of the regular or permanent Police and Fire forces in the Town be and the same hereby are accepted.

Article 18. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was moved and voted that the provisions of Chapter 635 of the Acts of 1945 being an act providing for advances of their vacation pay to officers and employees of the Town be, and the same hereby are accepted.

Article 44. On motion of Henry R. Johnson it was voted to take up Article 44.

On motion of Henry R. Johnson it was moved and voted that the Municipal Light Board be and they hereby are authorized to sell, upon such terms and conditions as they may determine, the generating equip-

ment at the power station, consisting of boilers, pumps, heaters, turbines, condensers, exciters, piping, valves, generator and other equipment formerly used in connection with the generating of electricity. Any monies received for such equipment to be expended by the Municipal Light Board toward the purchase and installation of additional transformer capacity at the power station.

Article 19. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham, it was moved and voted that the third paragraph of Section 1 of the By-laws of the Town be and the same hereby is amended, by striking out in the third line thereof the word "second" and substituting in place thereof the word "third"; so said paragraph will read as follows:

Upon completing the election and counting the votes and declaring the result thereof, the meeting shall stand adjourned until the third Monday of March, at such time as the Selectmen shall name in the warrant calling the meeting for the transaction of all other business that may be properly brought before the meeting.

Article 30. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted to take up Article 30.

On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was moved and voted that the Board of Public Works be and they hereby are authorized to demolish, sell or otherwise dispose of for demolition, upon such terms and conditions as they may determine, the Barn so-called, in Memorial Park and to further authorize and empower said Board to execute in the name and behalf of the Town any and all instruments which may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 31. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was moved and voted that Article X of the Town By-laws be and the same hereby is amended by adding after Section 5 a new section to be known as Section 5A:

Section 5A. The Superintendent of the Board of Public Works, for the purpose of removing or plowing snow or removing ice from any way within the limits of the Town, may remove or cause to be removed to some public garage or other convenient place, any vehicle parked upon such highway in such a manner so as to interfere with such work, and the storage charges and other cost of such removal shall be borne and paid by the owner of the vehicle.

Article 32. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was moved and voted that the Board of Public Works be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to sell upon such terms and conditions as they may determine the machinery and equipment located in the Mill Street Pumping Station and to further authorize said Board to execute in the name and behalf of the Town such instruments which may be necessary transferring said property to the purchasers thereof.

Article 47. On motion of William J. Tonks, it was voted to take up Article 47.

On motion of William J. Tonks it was moved and voted that the Board of Library Trustees be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to obtain for and in behalf of the Town an advance from the Federal Government for the preparation of Plans and Engineering Services for the addition and extension of the Public Library building, and the Chairman of the Board of Library Trustees is further authorized and empowered to execute for and in behalf of the Town such applications, agreements and other documents with the Federal Works Agency Bureau of Community Facilities, which may be necessary for the purpose of securing such advance from the Federal Government.

Article 27. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted to take up Article 27.

On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was moved and voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out as a public way of a private way known as Cape Cod Avenue and adopt the recommendations contained therein and that the sum of One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-One ($1,961.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the laying out and construction of the said way.

Middlesex, ss. March, 1946

Report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out of Cape Cod Avenue

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require the laying out of a town way under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, substantially in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all the requirements of law relating to notice to the owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid out as a town way for the use of the Town running in a northerly direction from the present town way known as Middlesex Avenue as accepted April 1878, a distance of 348.50 feet to a dead end, substantially as and in the location of a portion of the Private Way known as Cape Cod Avenue, the boundaries and measurements of said way as so laid out are as follows:

Beginning at a point in the northerly side line of said Middlesex Avenue said point being S 86° — 01' E, a distance of 257.80 feet, measured along said northerly side line of Middlesex Avenue, from a stone bound at the point of intersection of the said northerly side line of Middlesex Avenue with the easterly side line of Deering Street;

Thence by a curved line East to North, having a radius of 20.0 feet, through lands of Joseph T. McAnulty and Minerva E. McAnulty, a length of 31.42 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence N 3° — 59' E, by lands of said McAnulty et ux, by lands of William T. Lydstone and Ella May Lydstone, across the easterly terminus of a town way known as Wood End Lane and by lands of Charles S. Clapp, a distance of 328.96 feet to a point, said point being the northerly terminus of this the westerly side line of this layout;

Thence turning and running S 84° — 42' — 40" E, across said Cape Cod Avenue, a distance of 40.01 to a point on the easterly side line of said Cape Cod Avenue;

Thence turning and running S 3° — 59' — 00" W, by lands of Lillian M. Manning, Joseph A. Cummings and Pearl V. Cummings, Francis L. Johnson and Lidie K. Johnson, James E. Waite and Marguerite E. Waite, and Robert H. Hodson and Clara M. Hodson, a distance of 328.04 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the left running in a southerly and easterly direction, having a radius of 20.0 feet, through lands of said Hodson et ux, a length of 31.42 feet to a point on the said northerly side line of Middlesex Avenue;

Thence N 86° — 01' W, by said northerly side line of Middlesex Avenue, a distance of 80.0 feet to the point herein designated as the point of beginning.

The above described lines being more fully shown on a plan entitled "Cape Cod Avenue, Reading, Mass." dated January, 1946, Board of Public Works, Philip Welch, Supt. said Plan being a part of this description and being on file in the Office of the Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement. All acts in connection with said laying out are done under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, and betterments are to be assessed therefor.

This laying out so made by us, we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that said way shall thereafter be known as a Public Town Way and named Cape Cod Avenue, and that the sum of One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-one Dollars ($1,961.00) be raised and appropriated for said laying out and for the construction of said way.

WENDELL P. DAVIS, Chairman
HAROLD W. PUTNAM
EDWARD TEER

Members of the Board of Public Works
of the Town of Reading

Article 28. On motion of Wendell P. Davis, it was voted to take up Article 28.

On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was moved and voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out as a Public Way of a Private Way known as Wood End Lane and adopt the recommendations contained therein and that the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred and Eleven ($1511.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the laying out and construction of the said way.

Town of Reading

Middlesex, ss. March, 1946

Report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out of Wood End Lane

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require the laying out of a town way under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, substantially in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to the owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid out as a town way for the use of the Town running in a westerly direction from a town way known as Cape Cod Avenue a distance of 249.18 feet to a dead end, substantially as and in the location of the Private Way known as Wood End Lane and the boundaries and measurements of said way as so laid out are as follows:

Beginning at a point on the westerly side line of said Cape Cod Avenue said point being further designated as being N. 3° — 59' E., a distance of 212.00 feet measured along said westerly side line of Cape Cod Avenue from its point of intersection with the northerly side line of a public town way known as Middlesex Avenue, and said point of intersection being S. 86° — 01' E., a distance of 277.80 feet, measured along said northerly side line of Middlesex Avenue, from a stone bound set at the intersection of said northerly side line of Middlesex Avenue with the easterly side line of Deering Street.

Thence by a curved line to the left, running in a northerly and westerly direction, having a radius of 20.0 feet, through lands of William T. Lydstone and Ella May Lydstone, a length of 31.42 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence N. 86° — 01' W., still through lands of said Lydstone et ux, and through lands of James E. MacGrath and Rosetta MacGrath, and through lands of W. Chester Parsons and Claire T. Parsons, a distance

of 226.55 feet to a point, said point being situated on the division property line between lands of said Parsons et ux and lands of Mary L. Chadbourne;

Thence turning and running N. 3° — 30' — 10" W., by lands of said Mary L. Chadbourne, a distance of 40.34 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running S. 86° — 01' E., through lands of Ruben E. Thelin and Linnaea A. Thelin, Clarence W. Peterson and Ellen M. Peterson, and Charles S. Clapp, a distance of 231.81 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the left, running in an easterly and northerly direction, having a radius of 20.0 feet, still through lands of said Clapp, a length of 31.42 feet to a point, said point being situated in the westerly side line of said Cape Cod Avenue;

Thence S. 3° — 59' W., by said westerly side line of Cape Cod Avenue, a distance of 80.0 feet to the point designated herein as the point of beginning.

The above described lines being more fully shown on a Plan entitled "Wood End Lane, Reading, Mass." dated January 1946, Board of Public Works, Philip Welch, Supt., said Plan being a part of this description and being on file in the Office of the Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement. All acts in connection with said laying out are done under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, and betterments are to be assessed therefor.

This laying out so made by us, we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that said way shall thereafter be known as a Public Town Way and named Wood End Lane, and that the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred and Eleven ($1511.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for said laying out and for the construction of said way.

WENDELL P. DAVIS, Chairman
HAROLD W. PUTNAM
EDWARD TEER
Members of the Board of Public Works
Town of Reading

Article 43. On motion of Henry R. Johnson it was voted to take up Article 43.

On motion of Henry R. Johnson it was moved and voted that the subject matter of Article 43 be referred to the Municipal Light Board, and that said Board be, and it hereby is, authorized to install such additional street lights, as in its judgment are required, and to make such changes in the size, type and location of existing street lights,

as it may deem advisable, the expense of same to be paid from the income of the Plant.

Article 4. On motion of Joseph D. Knight it was voted to take up Article 4.

On motion of Joseph D. Knight it was moved and voted that the sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars ($125,000.00) be raised and appropriated for Charities and Aid as follows:

General Aid	$ 17,500.00
General Aid Administrative	5,100.00
Aid to Dependent Children	13,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children, Administrative	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	81,750.00
Old Age Assistance, Administrative	6,650.00
	$125,000.00

Article 4. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson, it was moved and voted that the sum of Thirty-six Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-four Dollars and three cents ($36,724.03) be raised and appropriated for General Government as follows:

Selectmen's Expenses	$ 1,000.00
Selectmen's Clerical	1,069.70
Town Accountant's Salary	1,709.54
Treasurer's Salary	1,575.00
Treasurer's Expenses	800.00
Treasurer's Clerical	480.00
Collector's Salary	2,650.00
Collector's Expenses	1,100.00
Collector's Clerical	1,800.00
Assessors' Salaries, Chm., $1500., 2 members $630 each	2,760.00
Assessors' Expenses	3,500.00
Assessors' Clerical	3,380.00
Town Counsel's Salary	1,500.00
Town Counsel's Expenses	550.00
Town Clerk's Salary	1,102.50*
Town Clerk's Expenses	500.00
Registrars' Salaries	347.29
Registrars' Expenses, Special	1,000.00
Election and Registration Expense	2,000.00
Planning Board Expenses	100.00
Miscellaneous Expense	4,200.00**
Municipal Building Maintenance	3,600.00
	$ 36,724.03

* Fees to Town Treasury

** Including Travel Outside the State

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was moved and voted that the sum of One Hundred and Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eighty-three Dollars ($109,983.00) be raised and appropriated for Protection of Persons and Property as follows:

Police Dept. Salaries	$ 43,150.00
Pensions	3,255.75
Police Dept. Maintenance	5,300.00
Police Station Maintenance	1,700.00
Fire Dept. Salaries	28,750.00
Fire Dept. Call Men	3,500.00
O. O. Ordway, Pension	1,300.00
Fire Dept. Maintenance	2,800.00*
Fire Stations Maintenance	2,730.00
Fire Alarm Maintenance	2,000.00
Fire Alarm Extension	600.00
Hydrant Rentals	500.00
Moth and Tree Depts.	12,399.00
Inspector of Building Salary	551.25
Inspector of Wires Salary	210.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures Salary	551.25
Sealer of Weights and Measures Expenses	250.00
Game Warden Salary	105.00
Dog Officer's Salary	330.75
	$109,983.00

Article 4. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson, it was moved and voted that the sum of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) be raised and appropriated for Memorial Day Observance, to be expended under the direction of Post 62, American Legion and Post 685 Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Article 4. On motion of Leon G. Bent, it was moved and voted that the sum of Two Thousand Dollars ($2,000.00) be raised and appropriated for Interest not including Water, Light and Sewer.

Article 4. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was moved and voted that the sum of Twenty Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($22,500.00) be raised and appropriated for Maturing Debt, not including Water and Light.

Article 4. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson, it was moved and voted that the sum of Ten Thousand Eight Hundred and Six Dollars ($10,806.00) be raised and appropriated for Health and Sanitation as follows:

Board of Health Salaries	$ 315.00
Board of Health Expenses	275.00

* Includes Travel outside the State

Inspector of Plumbing Salary	525.00
Inspector of Animals Salary	220.00
Inspector of Milk and Food Salary	220.00
Care of Contagious Diseases	5,000.00
Garbage Collection	3,600.00
Dental Clinic	650.00
	$ 10,806.00

Article 4. On motion of Henry R. Johnson it was moved and voted that there be included in the tax levy, for electricity used for street lights, the sum of Fifteen Thousand ($15,000.00) Dollars, and that said sum and the income from sales of electricity to private consumers and for electricity supplied to municipal buildings, and for municipal power, and from sales of appliances and jobbing during the current fiscal year be appropriated for the Municipal Light Plant and that the sum of Twelve Thousand ($12,000.00) Dollars be appropriated from the said receipts of the department for the sale, installation and servicing of merchandise, equipment, utensils and chattels, as provided in Section 34 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, said appropriations to be expended by the Manager of the Municipal Light Dept. under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board for the expense of the plant, including the sale, installation and servicing of merchandise, equipment, utensils and chattels, as defined in Chapter 164 of the General Laws, or any amendments thereof or addition thereto, and that if said sum of $15,000 and said income shall exceed said expense for said fiscal year, such excess up to the sum of Fifty Thousand ($50,000.00) Dollars shall be paid into the Town Treasury, and the balance if any, shall be transferred to the Construction Fund of said Plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may thereafter be authorized by the Municipal Light Board.

Article 4. On the motion of Charles E. Wilkinson, it was moved and voted that the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars ($1,700.00) be raised and appropriated for the further development of the Town Forest.

Article 4. On the motion of Leon G. Bent it was moved and voted that the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00) be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Overlay Surplus Reserve Fund to the Reserve Fund and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was moved and voted that the sum of Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty-seven Dollars and Seventy-three cents ($15,387.73) be raised and appropriated for Insurance.

Article 4. On motion of W. Gardner Long it was moved and voted that the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety-two Dollars and Sixty-five Cents ($350,492.65) be raised and appropriated for the School Department as follows:

General Salaries	$267,711.65
General Maintenance including travel outside the State	48,781.00
Industrial Tuition	2,000.00
School Lunches	32,000.00
	$350,492.65

Article 4. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was moved and voted that the sum of Six Hundred Dollars ($600.00) be raised and appropriated for the preparation and printing of the Street Lists for the year 1946, such sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 4. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was moved and voted that the sum of Fourteen Thousand Dollars ($14,000.00) be raised and appropriated for Veterans Benefits.

Article 4. On motion of James W. Fairchild it was moved and voted that the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars ($12,000.00) be raised and appropriated for Cemeteries, to be expended for Maintenance, care and development of Laurel Hill Cemetery and Forest Glen Cemetery, including travel outside of the State.

Article 4. On motion of Leon G. Bent it was moved and voted that the sum of Twenty Three Thousand and Forty Dollars ($23,040.00) be raised and appropriated for the Contributory Retirement System to be divided as follows:

Pension Accumulation Fund	$ 22,340.00
Expense Fund	700.00
	$ 23,040.00

Article 4. On motion of William J. Tonks it was moved and voted that the sum of $10,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the Public Library divided as follows:

Salaries	$ 6,700.00
Maintenance	3,300.00
	$ 10,000.00

Article 4. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was moved that the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand and Forty Dollars ($178,040.00) be raised and appropriated for the Board of Public Works as follows:

Administrative, Salaries and Office Expenses	$ 6,740.00

Repairs, Construction and Maintenance of Highways, Setting Curbs, Purchase or otherwise, acquiring land for sand and gravel purposes, Purchase of Materials, Tools and Equipment and other incidental expenses pertaining thereto	48,300.00
Removal of Snow and Ice	20,000.00
Sidewalk Maintenance and Construction	8,000.00
Maintenance of Storm Drains	4,500 00
Construction of Storm Drains	8,000.00
Park Department and Common Maintenance and Supervised Play	6,400.00
Care of Dumps	2,000.00
Drinking Fountains	100.00
Connecting Estates with the Common Sewer	4,000.00
Maintenance, Operation and Construction of Water Works, Payments of Water Bonds and Interest, including travel outside of the State	55,000.00
Maintenance, Operation and Extension of the Sewer System, Payments of Interest on Sewer Bonds	15,000.00
	$178,040.00

W. Gardner Long moved that the motion be amended to read $176,000.00 as recommended by the Finance Committee as follows:

Administrative, Salaries and Office Expenses	$ 6,300.00
Repairs, Construction and Maintenance of Highway, Setting Curbs, Purchase or Otherwise, acquiring land for Sand and Gravel purposes, Purchase of Materials, Tools and Equipment and other incidental expenses pertaining thereto	47,000.00
Removal of Snow and Ice	20,000.00
Sidewalk Maintenance and Construction	8,000.00
Maintenance of Storm Drains	4,500.00
Construction of Storm Drains	8,000.00
Park Department and Common Maintenance and Supervised Play	6,200.00
Care of Dumps	1,900.00
Drinking Fountains	100.00
Connecting Estates with the Common Sewer	4,000.00
Maintenance, Operation and Construction of Water Works, Payments of Water Bonds and Interest, including travel outside of State	55,000.00
Maintenance, Operation and Extension of the Sewer System, Payments of Interest on Sewer Bonds	15,000.00
	$176,000.00

Mr. Davis' motion being the larger of the two it was voted on first and was defeated on a voice vote.

A vote was then taken on Mr. Long's substitute motion, and it was carried.

On motion of Carl Pitman it was voted to adjourn at 10:50 P. M. and to meet in Security Hall, Monday, March 18, 1946 at 7:45 P. M.

164 Precinct Members were present.

A true record. Attest:

GUY W. ELLISON,
Town Clerk

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Security Hall March 18, 1946

The fact that this meeting was an adjourned meeting of the March 11, 1946 meeting, no notice was required by the Town Clerk.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham, it was voted to take Article 2 from the table,

The following report was read by Irving C. Austin:

Report of the Committee of Nine for the Site for a High School.

As stated in our report of progress made at the December Special Town Meeting, the question of a location for a new High School had finally narrowed down to two sites—the so-called Birch Meadow area and the present High School site with the taking of additional land to Lowell Street.

Serious consideration had been given to the possible addition on the Junior High School, as originally planned when that building was built. The main objection to this being the combining of two age groups of children in one area, and the congestion there would be in having 1200 or more pupils in a section that is now a problem at times with 600. To improve the approaches would have meant the taking of property on Summer Avenue and Temple Street on which the assessed valuation is approximately $84,033.00, $45,808.00 on Summer Avenue and $38,225.00 on Temple Street.

By referring to the report this committee made to the town at the December meeting, it will be seen that the Washington Street playground area had been studied but definitely rejected at our meeting of April 9, 1945.

A suggestion was made to this committee that the Junior High be discarded as a unit in our educational set up, change back to the four year high school, use the Junior High building as a high school and the present high school for the 7th and 8th grades. While this idea affected the decision as to site, it was actually a question to be decided by the School Committee as it meant a decided change in our educational system as well as the additional construction of elementary schools at once. The final decision of the School Committee was against such a change in our present educational system.

The subject of site finally came to the question of whether a high school should be built on a location as near the center of the town as possible, for the sake of the parents using the auditorium, or whether the Town should build a high school for the children using it. If for the children, we should build where there is land available for outside activities as recommended and being followed by towns and cities fortunate to have the needed acreage. We are fortunate in this town that it is only necessary to acquire land for the building as the balance of the land needed is already owned by the town and partially developed already for playground purposes.

From a cost of construction comparison there is very little difference between building on the old site, utilizing the old school, and building an all new building at Birch Meadow. The plans as submitted are identical for services and number of pupils. The estimate of cost, which includes salvage value of homes taken down on the old site, is $802,500.00 and at Birch Meadow $800,000.00. These figures do not include land taking or landscaping except immediately adjacent to the building. An estimate has been made of $5,000.00 for the old site and $10,000.00 for Birch Meadow, to complete approaches and landscaping. Taking the land needed at the old site is questionable as to cost, while the assessed valuation is $39,750.00, there is no assurance of what a court would allow these days for a fair value of homes that are today very valuable to their owners.

From the above figures it will be seen that with the same comparable estimates a building will cost practically the same on either site. The above estimates were based on costs as of November-December 1945.

On the other hand, the land at Birch Meadow not owned by the town has a low assessed valuation and the difference in cost of land alone would more than take care of the additional cost necessary for sewer extension.

The assessed valuation of the land recommended to be taken in the Birch Meadow area for the high school is approximately $5,300.00, this including two buildings of which the assessed valuation is $2,400.00 and $1,800.00 respectively.

Building on Present Site

On June 28th, it was voted that the School Committee follow the recommendation of the High School Site Committee to have an architectural study of a high school building as an addition to the present High School building taking in the land bounded by Lowell, Sanborn and Linden Street, and a comparative study made for a high school on the Birch Meadow site, at a cost not to exceed $2,000.00 and further that the architectural firm of Adden, Parker, Clinch & Crimp, be authorized to make these studies.

The instructions as to number of pupils, service units, etc., to the architects were followed by them in both plans. These called for a building for 800 students with service units and auditorium for 1000.

On completion of the plans, the architects engaged the services of competent engineers to estimate costs of construction and which in the case of the old school, included, of course, cost of remodelling. The final costs, as reported before, on the present site, $802,500.00, this price taking into consideration any salvage value in the wrecking or moving of the five homes now on the property which would have to be taken.

The price on the Birch Meadow site was $800,000.00.

To put this school on the present site would mean utilizing practically all the land for the building, no parking area to speak of and no chance for enlarging the building except by adding in height.

While the building was in process, it would, of course, be necessary to find other space for the High School pupils.

For any outside activities it would be necessary for pupils to report to the Washington Street playground, Memorial Park, Birch Meadow or the Junior High School. Any of these would make it impossible to have outside activities except after regular school hours and not as part of the school program.

If a building only is considered, then the present site with the additional land through to Lowell Street can be used as shown by the plans.

Birch Meadow Site

The land chosen for the site of a high school adjoins the southeast corner of the playground area. There is a considerable amount of this land already owned by the town. The cost for the taking of the privately owned land needed to complete the site is estimated at $10,000.00. The recommended site is a knoll facing the west and the playground beautifully situated for the development of a school.

The architects have taken advantage of the contours of this slope excavating as little as possible, only for boiler room and part of the shops, the balance of the building following the natural contours.

This area has the following approaches from Main Street, Hillside Avenue, and Ridge Road; from the south Bancroft Avenue and Parkview Road, and from the west Hartshorn Street. In the natural development of the town there undoubtedly will at some time be a road through from Forest Street.

A school on this site would be able to utilize the area already developed by the Board of Public Works and thereby save the town thousands of dollars for the development of a special field for the High School. Already nearly seven acres have been completed and with finish grading on part at small cost, will be available for use. This area would permit an outdoor physical educational program which is

not possible unless the land is adjacent to the school. The School Committee has conferred with the Board of Public Works regarding the use of this area for school activities and cooperation has been assured.

While the primary purpose of building the High School is for the education of the children, it is also well to consider the community interest as a whole. The proposed auditorium will be of sufficient capacity to permit the gathering of almost any group that would be expected. It has easy approaches from three directions and ample space for parking without blocking roads.

The development of a building on this site is not circumscribed by street lines so that as Reading grows it will be possible to add to the proposed building for additional pupils.

While this site is near the geographic center rather than population center, statistics show that the last few years of building the trend was on the East side. With building already started on the Northeast side it is easy to picture a change in the center of population.

Let's forget the so-called centers and state facts. From Summer Avenue and West Street to Birch Meadow is .9 of a mile, from West and Woburn Streets 1.5 miles. That means a pupil from West and Woburn Streets has ½ mile more to walk than at present and that goes for any pupil beyond Woburn Street but the pupils from around West and Summer Avenue have at least ½ mile less to walk. From South Street to the Square is 1.4 miles and to the corner of Main and Hillside 2.1 miles. That means those pupils from the south have .7 of a mile more to walk. Parents usually cause most of the transportation problems—do you suppose .7 of a mile would bother children of the ages 15 to 18 when they knew the advantages that could be obtained? Us old timers talk about walking three to seven miles to school.

For the public using the school facilities in the evening, this site is actually .1 of a mile nearer the Square than the Junior High School.

The final action and recommendation of the committee you elected is as follows:

Those voting for the Birch Meadow Site:

Merle W. Wescott
May E. Earley
Gladys F. Milton
J. Warren Killam, Jr.
Norman L. Duncan
Irving C. Austin, Chm.

Those dissenting and voting for the present High School site

W. Gardner Long
J. L. Devaney
M. A. Crosby

Plans and estimates for both sites are on file at the School Committee Office and available at any time.

Reading, Mass., March 9, 1946.

The following report was read by M. S. Crosby.

Minority Report of the School Site Committee

We, the minority, desire to go on record at this time as still being in accord with the rest of the committee in respect to the need for new school buildings in Reading in the near future. As you will recall this committee of nine was appointed by you to choose a site, and a site only. We mentioned this, because we experienced difficulty in discussing situations which affected the use of the site because these issues were entirely under the control of the majority of the committee. Their specifications are so arranged that there is only one solution and we find ourselves not in accord with them.

We, of necessity had to agree to eliminate the Junior High location as a suggestion for a combined Junior and Senior High for the same reasons set forth in their report.

The Washington Street site was considered and still is a possibility but was thought less desirable than the Birch Meadow or the present site. Low elevation of land, close proximity to the railroad and the number of dwellings involved were the deciding elements.

The plan which suggested the use of the present Junior High (with additions) as a High School and the construction of a second elementary school still has merit in our opinion. But in as much as this idea did not originate with the committee and was prejudged by the School Committee as not satisfactory and further was not known by the minority until late in December, we were forced to drop discussion on this and go on with Birch Meadow and the present High School site.

The Birch Meadow site has unlimited possibilities, and it is probably these unlimited possibilities that make us so cautious as to that choice. Where we thought, we'll say, ten acres was large enough the rest of the committee had twenty acres in mind, with a possibility of more land later when needed. The development of this virgin tract of land, whether it appeals to you or not, may well run into considerably more money than this town can afford and still maintain its other services. The increased overhead on a new school of this size, alone is a major item in itself wherever it goes, without adding the possibility of future demands for improvements or expanson of this outside activities. We will very readily agree that these extra school activities may be beneficial, but how much can we afford, how far are you willing to go in order to have them?

This brings us down to the present site with the already explained alterations and additions. We readily acknowledge that this choice still leaves us with more to be desired, namely, parking and playground adjacent to the school. We believe these both can be solved, even if not as ideally as you might wish. It is, however, still feasible and practical and within reason to provide adequate education on this site for some years to come, at a cost which we feel the town can afford. As for a room for expansion, please bear in mind that the plans call for a school with a capacity of eight hundred and we dare say under extreme conditions by making use of other special rooms even one thousand might be handled in this building. That means a growth in the town of some twenty-five hundred new homes or roughly an increase of two-thirds bringing the population to some twenty thousand and an increase of one hundred per cent over the present high school enrollment.

We do feel however, that some progress has been made in that the School Committee has developed what type of building it will need, and specifications were not developed before this committee started to function. Needless to say we are not satisfied with our net results, as we are thoroughly convinced of the school building needs of this town and feel that continued efforts should be made to solve the problem.

Therefore, in conclusion we strongly urge the precinct members to consider further study, by appointing a committee whose powers and scope will exceed those of the previous committee in that it can discuss and study any and all phases which your present committee could not.

Respectfully submitted,

W. GARDNER LONG
JOHN L. DEVANEY
MELVIN S. CROSBY

March 13, 1946

Article 2. On motion of Logan R. Dickie, it was voted that the Report of the Committee of Nine for the Site for a High School be accepted and filed.

Article 45. On motion of John L. Devaney it was voted that the sum of five hundred (500) dollars be raised and appropriated for the general expenses of the Capital Expenditures Planning Committee.

Article 6. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the sum of Two Hundred Dollars ($200.00) be raised and appropriated for the purpose of foreclosing in the Land Court pursuant to provisions of Section 65 of Chapter 60 of the General Laws, the right of redemption of any and all real estate taken by the Town for non-payment of taxes.

Article 7. On motion of Leon G. Bent it was voted that the sum not exceeding one thousand ($1000) dollars be transferred from General Highway appropriation and that the sum not exceeding two thousand

($2000) dollars be transferred from Surplus Revenue and appropriated for maintenance of various streets previously constructed under Chapter 90 General Laws; and that a further sum of thirty-four thousand five hundred ($34,500) dollars be transferred from Surplus Revenue and appropriated for the construction under Chapter 90 General Laws of portions of Lowell Street, Charles Street and Main Street, provided however, that such sums received as reimbursements from the State and County shall be credited to Surplus Revenue

Article 8. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of eight hundred dollars ($800.00) be raised and appropriated for the care of graves of any persons who have served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States, in time of war or insurrection and who have been honorably discharged from such service, as provided by Section 22, Chapter 115, General Laws.

Article 9. On motion of Leon G. Bent it was voted that the sum of three hundred seventy-one dollars and seventy-one cents ($371.71) be raised and appropriated to pay into the Contributory Retirement System for Municipal Employees, excluding school teachers, for the benefit of Municipal Employees on military leave of absence during the year 1945 as provided for and under the authority of Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1943.

Article 10. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted (110 affirmative and 1 negative) that the Board of Selectmen be, and they hereby are authorized and empowered in the name and behalf of the Town to acquire by purchase, eminent domain, lease, gift or otherwise, certain parcels of land, easements, rights of way or other interests therein, such parcels being situated westerly of Main Street and shown as Lots 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 15 on Town of Reading Assessors' plat No. 1 or such portions thereof as may be determined by the Board of Selectmen, for providing a Municipal Parking Area and that the sum of thirteen thousand (13,000.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for the acquisition of such land and for the construction of such parking area.

Article 12. On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted that the sum of two thousand three hundred and fifty-seven dollars and seventy-eight cents ($2,357.78) dollars be appropriated from the amount on hand representing the proceeds derived from the sale of scrap, waste paper and other materials collected for salvage, and to transfer said sum to the account already established to be used for any purpose relating to the welfare, benefit, or commemorating or observing the service of persons who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War II and his or her dependents, such sum to be expended as may be determined from time to time and under the direction of a committee consisting of the Board of Selectmen, the chairman and secretary of the Salvage Committee; and the Town Accountant be and he

hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 16. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the provisions of Section 58A of Chapter 48 of the General Laws, being a law regulating the hours of duty of permanent members of the Fire Department of the Town be, and the same hereby are accepted.

Article 20. On motion of James W. Fairchild it was voted that the sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) be appropriated from the Cemetery Reserve Fund receipts from the sale of lots and graves in Laurel Hill Cemetery and Forest Glen Cemetery, for the maintenance, care, improvement and embellishment of said Cemeteries, under the provisions of Section 15 of Chapter 114 of the General Laws.

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of two thousand two hundred ($2,200.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for the salaries of two additional firemen for the year 1946.

Article 21. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the sum of sixteen thousand three hundred dollars ($16,300.00) be appropriated from the unexpended balance in the Road Machinery Account and transferred to the Road Machinery Fund for the maintenance, repair and operation of road machinery and for the purchase by the Board of Public Works of two trucks and one trailer and that the proceeds received from the old equipment shall be appropriated in addition to the $16,300.00 as part of the purchase price for the above mentioned equipment and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 22. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the sum of twenty five thousand ($25,000.00) dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Water Department Available Surplus for the purpose of constructing an addition to the Municipal Garage located on John Street for the Water Department and that the Board of Selectmen are hereby authorized to accept on behalf of the Town any Federal Funds which may be granted therefor, and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 23. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the sum of two thousand five hundred ($2,500.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of improving and constructing a portion of Main Street from Washington Street northerly toward Reading Square together with such sums as may be provided by the State and County under Section 34, Chapter 90 of the General Laws.

Article 24. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the sum of four thousand five hundred ($4,500.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of improving and constructing a portion of Charles Street from Pearl Street northerly toward Haverhill Street

together with such sums as may be provided by the State and County under Section 34, Chapter 90 of the General Laws.

Article 25. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the sum of four thousand five hundred ($4,500.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of improving and constructing a portion of Lowell Street from Grand Street southeasterly toward Reading Square together with such sums as may be provided by the State and County under Section 34, Chapter 90 of the General Laws.

Article 26. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the sum of one thousand ($1,000.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of completing the construction of the following Streets:

West Hill Circle	$250.00
Wescroft Road	500.00
Springvale Road	250.00

all of the above having been laid out as Public Ways by the Town at the Annual Town Meeting held March 17, 1941 under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments.

Article 29. On motion of Otis B. Ruggles it was voted that the sum of fourteen hundred ($1,400.00) dollars be raised and appropriated by including one hundred twenty ($120.00) dollars in the tax levy and by transferring one thousand two hundred and eighty ($1,280.00) dollars from the Insurance Account for the purpose of erecting a flagpole on Reading Common and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum for carrying out the purpose of this vote.

Article 33. Harold W. Putnam moved that the sum of forty-five hundred ($4,500.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of conducting and promoting recreation, play, sport, physical education and other social, educational and recreational activities upon such land and buildings as defined in Section 14 of Chapter 45 of the General Laws, with authority to exercise all powers conferred therein including the purchase of the necessary equipment and the employment of teachers, supervisors and other officers and employees and the fixing of their compensation.

This motion was lost.

Article 34. J. Warren Killam, Jr., moved that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to acquire for and in behalf of the Town by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, six parcels of land together with the buildings thereon, lying northerly and being adjacent to the present Senior High School lot and situated on Linden, Lowell and Sanborn Streets, for the construction of a new Senior High School and that the sum of sixty thousand ($60,000.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for the acquisition of such land.

This motion was defeated.

Article 35. J. Warren Killam moved that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to acquire for and in behalf of the Town, by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, certain tract or tracts of land, with the buildings thereon, in or adjoining Birch Meadow, so-called, and to dedicate certain other parcels of land now owned by the Town, and situated in or near Birch Meadow, as the School Committee may determine, for the construction of a new Senior High School, and that the sum of ten thousand ($10,000.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for such purchase or taking.

It was voted to lay this article on the table.

Article 36. Joseph D. Knight moved that a committee of seven members be and hereby is established for the purpose of making a comprehensive study and investigation of a suitable site for a new Senior High School and related matters in connection therewith. Such committee to consist of four precinct members, one from each precinct, to be elected by the precincts at meetings called for such purpose; and three registered voters of the Town to be appointed by the Town Moderator, one of these registered voters to be a member of the School Committee, one a member of the Planning Board and the other at large. Such committee shall report at the next annual town meeting or at any special meeting to be held prior thereto, the result of the study and investigation with definite recommendations relative to the subject matter herein contained.

This motion was defeated.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to adjourn and meet in Security Hall on Monday, March 25, 1946 at 7:45 P.M.

Adjourned 10:40 P.M. Attendance 135

A true record. Attest:

GUY W. ELLISON,
Town Clerk

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The fact that this meeting was an adjourned meeting of the March 4, 1946 meeting, no notice was required by the Town Clerk.

Article 35. J. Warren Killam, Jr. moved that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to acquire for and in behalf of the Town by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, certain parcels of land with the buildings thereon in or adjoining Birch Meadow, so-called, being the northeasterly portion of Lot 61 containing approximately 3.37 acres, which lot is shown on Town of Reading Assessors' Plat 35, Lot 41, 47, 117, 118, 122 and 123 as shown on Town of Reading Assessors' Plat 64, and to dedicate certain other parcels of land now owned by the Town, being Lots 33 to 40 both inclusive, Lots 42 to 46 both inclusive, Lot 116, 119, 120, 121, 124 and 125 all as shown on said Town of Reading Assessors' Plat 64, including that part of Cold Spring, Hillside, Glendale and Oakland Roads, Private Ways, as may be

determined by the School Committee or such portions of the above lots or parcels as said Committee may deem advisable for school purpose, and that the sum of ten thousand ($10,000.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for such purchase or taking.

This motion was defeated.

Article 36. J. Warren Killam, Jr. moved that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to acquire for and in behalf of the Town by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, certain parcels of land with the buildings thereon in Birch Meadow so-called, being Lots 45, the southwesterly portion of 61 containing approximately 2.66 acres, and Lots 61A, 62, 63, 65, 99 and 99A as shown on Town of Reading Assessor's Plat 35, as the School Committee may deem advisable for school purposes, and that the sum of fifteen thousand ($15,000.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for such purchase or taking.

This motion was defeated.

Article 38. J. Warren Killam, Jr. moved that the sum of four thousand ($4,000.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for the purchase and installation of additional bleachers for the Junior High School Athletic Field.

This motion was defeated.

Article 39. On motion of J. Warren Killam, Jr., it was voted that the sum of eleven thousand two hundred ($11,200.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for the transportation of school children for the year 1946.

Article 40. On motion of J. Warren Killam, Jr. it was voted that the sum of four thousand ($4,000.00) dollars be raised and appropriated to provide for cafeterias in the Highland School and Pearl Street School.

Article 41. On motion of J. Warren Killam, Jr. it was voted that the sum of seven hundred ($700.00) dollars be raised and appropriated to pay into the teachers retirement system for the benefit of teachers on military leave of absence during the year 1945 as provided for and under authority of Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1943.

Article 42. On motion of J. Warren Killam, Jr. it was voted that the sum of eighty-two dollars and eighty-nine cents ($82.89) be raised and appropriated under authority of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 1941, for the payment of certain unpaid bills for the year 1945 in the School Department Tuition Account.

Article 46. On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted that the sum of one hundred dollars be raised and appropriated under the provisions of Sections 40 to 45 of Chapter 128 of the General Laws, and that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized to appoint a Director to co-operate with the Middlesex County Trustees for the County Aid to Agriculture and work of the Middlesex County Extension Service and the 4-H Clubs.

Article 48. On motion of Lester W. Edwards it was voted that the

sum of five hundred ($500.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of providing by lease or otherwise, suitable headquarters for Reading Post No. 685 Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Article 49. On motion of Charles W. H. Smith it was voted that the sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) be raised and appropriated for the purpose of providing by lease or otherwise, suitable headquarters for Reading Post No. 62 of the American Legion.

Article 50. On motion of Leon G. Bent it was voted that the sum of four hundred ($400.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for Child Welfare Work to be expended under the direction of the Reading Visiting Nurse Association and the Board of Health.

Article 3. Kenneth C. Latham moved that the School Committee be instructed to make further study and investigation of all suitable sites for new Senior High School, the estimated cost to the Town of acquiring the land for each of such sites and the cost of the necessary facilities, such as sewers, drains and the necessary streets for convenient access thereto and said committee is further instructed to report the result of such study at the Annual Town Meeting in 1947 or at any special meeting to be held prior thereto.

This motion was defeated.

Article 3. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that a committee of eleven members be and hereby is established for the purpose of making a comprehensive study and investigation of all the suitable sites for new Senior High School and the estimated cost to the Town of acquiring the land for each of such sites, including the cost of the necessary sewerage, drainage and streets as access to such land, such committee to consist of two Town Meeting members from each of the four precincts, one member of the Planning Board, one member of the Finance Committee and one member of the Board of Public Works, such members to be chosen and designated by each of the four precincts and by each of their respective Boards and Committees; such committee shall report the result of its study and investigation at the next annual Town Meeting or at any special meeting to be held prior thereto.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take Article 3 from the table.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 3 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take Article 2 from the table.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 2 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to adjourn Sine Die.

A true copy. Attest:

GUY W. ELLISON,
Town Clerk

TOWN WARRANT

(Seal)

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Reading, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in Security Hall, Woburn Street, in said Reading on

Monday, The Twentieth Day of May, 1946

at seven forty-five o'clock in the evening, to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of Town officers and special committees and determine what instructions will be given Town officers and special committees.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote adopted under Article 19 at the Annual Town Meeting held on March 11, 1946 relating to amendment of Section 1 of Article I of the Town By-Laws.

Board of Selectmen

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the third paragraph of Section 1 of Article I of the By-Laws by striking out in the third line thereof, the word "second" and substituting in place thereof the word "third":—so said paragraph will read as follows:

> Upon completing the election and counting the votes and declaring the result thereof, the meeting shall stand adjourned until the third Monday of March, at such time as the Selectmen shall name in the warrant calling the meeting for the transaction of all other business that may be properly brought before the meeting.

Board of Selectmen

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to rescind vote adopted under Article 11 at the annual Town Meeting held March 11, 1946 relating to the sale of two parcels of land on Union Street.

Board of Selectmen

Article 5. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell upon such terms and conditions as they may determine. two parcels of land owned by the Town as follows: 15,940 sq. ft. of land at the southwesterly corner of Union and Middle Streets, and 15,863 sq. ft. of land at the southwesterly corner of Union and John Streets, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell upon such terms and conditions as they may determine a parcel of land situated on Mishawum Road in the City of Woburn and shown as Lot D on Plan filed in the Registry of Deeds for the South

Registry District of Middlesex County in Registration Book 10, Page 405 with certificate number 1637. Board of Selectmen

Article 7. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate to reimburse Police Officer Thomas F. Fitzpatrick for medical expenses incurred for injuries sustained in line of duty or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 8. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the celebration of the 4th of July, 1946, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to accept the gift of $500 for the benefit of the Public Library made by Susan R. Tuttle and Mildred Tuttle in memory of Donald N. Tuttle, Junior, the income of such Fund to be applied for the purchase of books for such Library or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Public Library Trustees

Article 10. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the maintenance, care and development of Laurel Hill Cemetery and Forest Glen Cemetery to be added to the appropriation voted at the March 1946 annual Town Meeting or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Cemetery Trustees

Article 11. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for general salaries for the School Department to be added to the appropriation voted at the March 1946 annual Town Meeting or what it will do in relation thereto. School Committee

Article 12. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the Dental Clinic for Health and Sanitation to be added to the appropriation voted at the March 1946 annual Town meeting or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Health

Article 13. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Old Age Assistance to be added to the appropriation voted at the March 1946 annual town meeting, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Public Welfare

Article 14. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of conducting and promoting recreation, play, sport, physical education and other social educational and recreational activities upon such land and buildings as defined in Section 14 of Chapter 45 of the General Laws, or what it will do in relation thereto. Recreation Committee

Article 15. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for salaries for the Fire Department to be added to the appropriation voted at the March 1946 annual Town Meeting, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 16. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for salaries for the Police Department to be added to the appropriation voted at the March 1946 annual Town Meeting, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in at least three public places in each Precinct of the town, not less than seven days prior to May 20, 1946, the date set for the meeting in said Warrant, and to publish this Warrant in the Reading Chronicle, one day at least prior to said date.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this tenth day of May, 1946.

KENNETH C. LATHAM
HERBERT K. MILLER
CHARLES E. WILKINSON
Selectmen of Reading

Officer's Return

Middlesex, ss. Reading, Mass., May 20, 1946

By virtue of this warrant, I on May 13, 1946, notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in Security Hall, Woburn Street, in said Reading, at the time specified in this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in the following public places within the Town of Reading:

Precinct 1. Austin's Lunch Room, 17 Harnden St.; Danforth Drug Store, 1 Harnden St.; Central Fire Station.

Precinct 2. Masonic Temple Building, Lyceum Hall Building, M. F. Charles and Sons Store, 610 Main St., Boston & Maine R.R. Depot.

Precinct 3. Waterhouse's Neighborhood Store, 36 Mineral St.; Benny's Neighborhood Store, 168 Lowell St., Fire Station No. 2.

Precinct 4. Municipal Building, Zitzow's Neighborhood Store, 287 Lowell St.; McLaughlin Neighborhood Store 1051 Main St.
the date of posting being seven days prior to the date set for the meeting in this Warrant.

I also caused an attested copy of this warrant to be published in the Reading Chronicle in the issue of May 17, 1946, the same being more than one day prior to date of meeting.

LEON G. BENT,
Constable of Reading

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Security Hall May 20, 1946

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at the time specified in the Warrant.

The Warrant was practically read by the Town Clerk, when on motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to dispense with the further reading of the Warrant, except the Constables Return, which was then read by the Town Clerk.

Article 1. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to lay Article 1 on the table.

Article 2. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the vote adopted under Article 19 at the annual Town Meeting held on March 11, 1946 relating to amendment of Section 1 of Article I of the Town By-Laws be and the same hereby is rescinded.

Article 3. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the third paragraph of Section 1 of Article 1 of the By-law of the Town be, and the same hereby is amended by striking out in the third line thereof the word "second" and substituting in place thereof the word "third" so said paragraph will read as follows:

> Upon completing the election and counting the votes and declaring the result thereof, the meeting shall stand adjourned until the third Monday of March, at such time as the Selectmen shall name in the warrant calling the meeting for the transaction of all other business that may be properly brought before the meeting.

Article 4. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the vote adopted under Article 11 at the Annual Town Meeting held March 11, 1946 relating to the sale of two parcels of land on Union Street be and the same hereby is rescinded.

Article 5. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered for and in behalf of the Town to sell upon such terms and conditions as they may determine, two parcels of land owned by the Town as follows: 15,940 square feet of land at the southwesterly corner of Union and Middle Streets, and 15,863 square feet of land at the southwesterly corner of Union and John Streets, and said Board are further authorized and empowered to execute for and in the name of the Town, Deeds of Conveyance and such other instruments which may be necessary for conveying said lots to the purchasers thereof.

Article 6. On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered for and in behalf of the Town to sell upon such terms and conditions as they may determine a parcel of land situated on Mishawum Road

in the City of Woburn and shown as Lot D on Plan filed in the Registry of Deeds for the South Registry District of Middlesex County in Registration Book 10, Page 405 with certificate number 1637 and said Board are further authorized and empowered to execute for and in the name of the Town Deed of Conveyance and such other instruments which may be necessary conveying said land to the purchaser thereof.

Article 7. On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted that the sum of ten (10) dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of reimbursing Police Officer Thomas F. Fitzpatrick for medical expenses incurred for injuries sustained in line of duty.

Article 8. Charles E. Wilkinson moved that the sum of twelve hundred and fifty ($1,250.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for the celebration of the Fourth of July, 1946.

This motion was lost.

Article 9. On motion of William J. Tonks it was voted that the gift of Five Hundred ($500) Dollars for the benefit of the Public Library, made by Susan R. Tuttle and Mildred Tuttle in memory of Donald N. Tuttle, Junior, be and the same hereby is accepted, the income of such gift to be applied for the purchase of books for the Library.

Article 10. On motion of James W. Fairchild it was voted that the sum of Twelve Hundred ($1,200.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the maintenance, care and development of Laurel Hill Cemetery and Forest Glen Cemetery to be added to the appropriation voted at the appropriation voted at the March 1946 Town Meeting.

Article 11. On motion of J. Warren Killam, Jr., it was voted that the sum of Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred ($18,800.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the School Department to be added to the appropriation voted at the March 1946 Town Meeting.

Article 12. On motion of Leon G. Bent it was voted that the sum of Four Hundred and Fifty ($450.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the Dental Clinic for Health and Sanitation to be added to the appropriation voted at the March 1946 Town Meeting.

Article 13. On motion of Joseph D. Knight it was voted that the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars ($7,000.00) be raised and appropriated for Old Age Assistance to be added to the appropriation voted at the March 1946 Annual Town Meeting.

Article 14. On motion of Harold W. Putnam it was voted that the sum of Forty-Five Hundred ($4,500.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of conducting and promoting recreation, play, sport, physical education and other social, educational and recreational activities upon such land and buildings as defined in Section 14 of Chapter 45 of the General Laws, with authority to exercise all the powers conferred therein including the purchase of the necessary equipment

and the employment of teachers, supervisors and other officers and employees and the fixing of their compensation.

On motion of James W. Fairchild an amendment was proposed that payment for damage to property be taken from the fund and the various departments of the Town be reimbursed from this fund.

This motion was lost.

On motion of Adelbert F. Hurt an amendment was proposed that no persons outside the limits of the Town of Reading be employed by the Committee on the summer recreational program.

This motion was lost.

Article 15. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for salaries for the Fire Department to be added to the appropriation voted at the March 1946 Annual Town Meeting.

Article 16. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars ($1200.00) be raised and appropriated for salaries for the Police Department to be added to the appropriation voted at the March 1946 Annual Town Meeting.

Article 1. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 1 be taken from the table.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to indefinitely postpone Article 1.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to adjourn, Sine Die.

Attest:

GUY W. ELLISON,
Town Clerk

TOWN WARRANT FOR STATE PRIMARY

(Seal)

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Reading, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to meet in Odd Fellows Building, Woburn Street, in said Reading, as the polling place designated for the four precincts in said Town on

Tuesday, the Eighteenth Day of June, 1946

at seven o'clock, A. M., for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Primary Officers for the Nomination of Candidates of Political Parties for the following offices:

Governor for this Commonwealth.

Lieutenant Governor for this Commonwealth.

Secretary of the Commonwealth for this Commonwealth.

Treasurer and Receiver-General for this Commonwealth.

Auditor of The Commonwealth for this Commonwealth.

Attorney General for this Commonwealth.

Senator in Congress for this Commonwealth.

Representative in Congress for Eighth Congressional District.

Councillor for Sixth Councillor District.

Senator for Seventh Middlesex Senatorial District.

2 Representatives in General Court for Eighteenth Representative District.

District Attorney for Northern District.

Clerk of Courts for Middlesex County.

Register of Deeds for Southern District.

County Commissioner for Middlesex County.

County Commissioner for Middlesex County (To fill vacancy)

The polls will be open from 7 A.M. to 8 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in at least three public places in each of the four precincts of the Town not less than seven days prior to June 18, 1946, the date set for the meeting in said warrant and to cause this warrant to be published in the Reading Chronicle one day at least prior to said date.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this 3rd day of June, A. D., 1946.

KENNETH C. LATHAM
HERBERT K. MILLER
CHARLES E. WILKINSON
Selectmen of Reading

Officer's Return

Middlesex, ss. Reading, Mass., June 15, 1946

By virtue of the within Warrant, I on June 10, 1946 notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in the primaries to meet in Security Hall as the polling place for the four precincts of the Town of Reading, by posting attested copies of this warrant in the following public places within said Town.

Precinct 1. Austin's Lunch Room, 17 Harnden St.; Danforth Drug Store, 1 Harnden St.; Central Fire Station, Pleasant St.

Precinct 2. Masonic Temple Building, Lyceum Hall Building, M. F. Charles and Sons Store, 610 Main St.; Boston & Maine R.R. Depot, Odd Fellows Building.

Precinct 3. Waterhouse's Neighborhood Store, 36 Mineral St.; Benny's Neighborhood Store, 168 Lowell St.; Fire Station No. 2, Woburn St.

Precinct 4. Municipal Building; Zitzow's Neighborhood Store, 287 Lowell St.; McLaughlin's Neighborhood Store, 1051 Main St.
the date of posting being more than seven days prior to the date set for the meeting in this warrant. And I also caused an attested copy to be published in the Reading Chronicle in the isue of June 14, 1946, the same being more than one day prior to the date of meeting.

LEON G. BENT,
Constable of Reading

Ballot of The Republican Party

	Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Pre. 3	Pre. 4	Totals
Governor					
Robert F. Bradford, 106 Coolidge Hill, Cambridge	308	381	451	393	1533
Blanks	22	19	32	24	97
					1630
Lieutenant Governor					
Albert Cole, 31 Church St., Lynn	23	17	19	21	80
Arthur W. Coolidge, 210 Summer Ave., Reading	304	378	462	389	1533
Blanks	3	5	2	7	17
					1630
					1630

	Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Pre. 3	Pre. 4	Totals
Secretary					
Frederick W. Cook, 75 Benton Rd., Somerville	313	381	462	402	1558
Blanks	17	19	21	15	72
					1630
Treasurer					
Fred J. Burrell, 41 Washington St., Medford	128	116	135	135	514
Lawrence Curtis, 84 Beacon St., Boston	182	252	323	252	1009
Blanks	20	32	25	30	107
					1630
Auditor					
Wallace E. Stearns, 110 Gainsborough St., Boston	58	91	103	75	327
Russell A. Wood, 11 Whittier St., Cambridge	226	256	333	288	1103
Blanks	46	53	47	54	200
					1630
Attorney General					
Clarence A. Barnes, 79 Rumford Ave., Mansfield	302	373	454	387	1516
Blanks	28	27	29	30	114
					1630
Senator in Congress					
Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., 275 Hale St., Beverly	311	382	451	401	1545
Blanks	19	18	32	16	85
					1630
Congressman					
Angier L. Goodwin, 52 Sheffield Rd., Melrose	303	361	441	387	1492
Blanks	27	39	42	30	138
					1630
Councillor					
Victor A. Friend, 32 E. Wyoming Ave., Melrose	294	363	436	378	1471
Blanks	36	37	47	39	159
					1630

	Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Pre. 3	Pre. 4	To-tals
Senator — Seventh Middlesex District					
George J. Evans, 18 Morningside Rd., Wakefield ..	56	67	54	65	242
W. Edward Magiera, 129 Llewellyn St., Lowell	0	0	1	1	2
Newell H. Morton, 198 Woburn St., Reading	255	321	419	334	1329
John Howard Pearson, 69 Clitheroe St., Lowell ..	6	4	2	10	22
Blanks	13	8	7	7	35
					1630
Representative in General Court (Two)					
Logan R. Dickie, 86 Walnut St., Reading	282	349	411	345	1387
Herman P. Peterson, 133 Montvale Ave., Woburn	129	217	247	216	809
Albert B. Carlson, 15 Winter St., Woburn	39	33	48	39	159
Louis Ellenwood, 326 Haven St., Reading	161	134	177	172	644
Blanks	49	67	83	52	261
					3260
District Attorney					
William G. Andrew, 472 Cambridge St., Cambridge	81	58	66	82	287
George E. Thompson, 69 Stratford Rd., Melrose ..	218	298	376	294	1186
Blanks	31	44	41	41	157
					1630
Clerk of Courts					
Frederick L. Putnam, 288 Main St., Melrose	260	340	420	340	1360
Jesse A. Rogers, 35 Baldwin St., Cambridge	38	31	30	33	132
Blanks	32	29	33	44	138
					1630
Register of Deeds					
Albert T. Gutheim, 19 Allen St., Arlington	201	269	308	261	1039
William D. Hillis, 71 Chestnut St., Cambridge	49	39	58	57	203
Joseph J. Launie. 26 Vernon St., Medford	14	9	13	13	49
Joseph S. Sappett, 28 Lois St., Hudson	23	16	34	19	92
Blanks	43	67	70	67	247
					1630

	Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Pre. 3	Pre. 4	To-tals
County Commissioner					
Melvin G. Rogers, Whipple Rd., Tewksbury	188	249	280	239	956
David Fowler Campbell, 68 Old Middlesex Rd., Belmont	31	34	50	28	143
Albert Nelson, 1 Lebanon Terrace, Malden	19	8	20	24	71
Matthew R. Rose, 97 Monument St., Medford	17	3	5	9	34
Edward J. Wright, Jr., Boston Rd., Westford	40	42	64	51	197
Blanks	35	64	64	66	229
					1630
County Commissioner (to fill vacancy)					
Edwin O. Childs, 340 California Rd., Newton	295	355	425	363	1438
Blanks	35	45	58	54	192
					1630

Ballot of The Democratic Party

	Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Pre. 3	Pre. 4	To-tals
Governor					
Maurice J. Tobin, 30 Hopkins St., Boston	27	32	10	10	79
Francis D. Harrigan, 300 Bowdoin St., Boston	4	1	1	1	7
Blanks	2	2	2	3	9
					95
Lieutenant Governor					
John B. Carr, 91 Prentiss St., Somerville	1	1	1	2	5
Paul A .Dever, 86 Buckingham St., Cambridge	15	17	5	10	47
Daniel J. O'Connor, 9 Spring Park Ave., Boston	3	4	1	0	8
Roger L. Putnam, 216 Central St., Springfield	13	13	6	2	34
Blanks	1	0	0	0	1
					95
Secretary					
John J. Concannon, 473 Talbot Ave., Boston	4	7	2	3	16
Benedict F. Fitzgerald. Jr., 399 Broadway, Cambridge	17	16	7	7	47
Leo Moran, 148 Westville St., Boston	3	2	0	1	6
Paul H. Snow, 67 Bloomfield St., Boston	2	0	2	2	6
Blanks	7	10	2	1	20
					95

	Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Pre. 3	Pre. 4	To-tals
Treasurer					
John E. Hurley, 40 Glenrose Rd., Boston	25	26	9	11	71
Thomas Khoury, 9 Rollins St., Boston	2	1	2	2	7
Blanks	6	8	2	1	17
					95
Auditor					
Thomas J. Buckley, 15 Pinckney St., Boston	25	28	10	12	75
Blanks	8	7	3	2	20
					95
Attorney General					
Harry E. Casey, 72 Oriole St., Boston	1	0	2	1	4
Michael F. Hourihan, 232 Dana Ave., Boston	4	1	0	2	7
Edward A. Hutchinson, Jr., 238 Savin Hill Ave., Boston	2	0	0	0	2
Francis E. Kelly, 1184 Morton St., Boston	11	15	1	5	32
Joseph M. McDonough, 106 Melville Ave., Boston	10	14	10	5	39
Blanks	5	5	0	1	11
					95
Senator in Congress					
David I. Walsh, 35 Day St., Fitchburg	27	23	9	10	69
Blanks	6	12	4	4	26
					95
Congressman — Eighth District					
Anthony M. Roche, 32 Clark St., Medford	11	7	6	2	26
James W. Stanton, 20 Elm Sq., Wakefield	18	20	5	10	53
Blanks	4	8	2	2	16
					95
Councillor					
John F. Casey, 6 Pleasant Ave., Somervile	8	7	1	7	23
Edward J. Coughlin, 239 Tremont St., Somerville	5	7	2	0	14
Francis J. DeWolfe, 25 Belknap St., Somerville	1	0	0	0	1
Clement Gregory McDonough, 727 Bridge St., Lowell	13	9	7	4	33
Blanks	6	12	3	3	24
					95

	Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Pre. 3	Pre. 4	Totals
Senator — Seventh Middlesex District					
Francis C. Zacharer, 34 Waverley Ave., Lowell	23	18	8	11	60
Blanks	10	17	5	3	35
					95
Representative in General Court (Two)					
Blanks	66	70	26	28	190
District Attorney					
James J. Bruin, 45 Harvart St., Lowell	9	9	5	6	29
Lawrence Edward Corcoran, 19 Wollaston Ave., Arlington	1	4	2	1	8
Eugene H. Giroux, 26 Dartmouth St., Somerville ..	2	3	1	2	8
John F. Kelley, 35 Madison Ave., Cambridge	15	6	3	3	27
Blanks	6	13	2	2	23
					95
Clerk of Courts					
John F. Ferrick, 8A Leonard Ave., Cambridge	13	10	1	5	29
Samuel J. Foti, 410 Cambridge St., Cambridge	1	0	0	0	1
Edward L. Harley, 607 Gorham St., Lowell	13	7	9	7	36
Blanks	6	18	3	2	29
					95
Register of Deeds					
John J. Butler, 6 Bartley St., Wakefield	25	22	11	12	70
Joseph J. Launie, 26 Vernon St., Medford	3	0	0	0	3
Blanks	5	13	2	2	22
					95
County Commissioner					
Thomas B. Brennan, 72 Bower St., Medford	12	11	3	4	30
John C. Dailey, 46 Foster St., Lowell	4	2	1	2	9
Francis R. King, 27 Blossom St., Lowell	2	2	1	1	6
William H. Seabrook, 351 Washington St., Somerville	7	2	3	0	12
William P. Walsh, 84 Washington St., Hudson	1	4	1	6	12
Blanks	7	14	4	1	26
					95

	Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Pre. 3	Pre. 4	To-tals
County Commissioner (to fill vacancy)					
Blank — Representative	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	33	35	13	14	95
					95

The results of the foregoing Primary were declared in open Town Meeting.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to adjourn — 11:15 P.M.

Attest:

GUY W. ELLISON,
Town Clerk

TOWN WARRANT

(Seal)

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Reading, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in Security Hall, Woburn Street, in said Reading on

Monday, the Twenty-Eighth Day of October, 1946

at eight o'clock in the evening, to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of Town officers and special committees and determine what instructions will be given Town officers and special committees.

Article 2. To see what sum the Town will appropriate from available funds and transfer to the Moth Department Account, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 3. To see what sum the Town will appropriate from available funds and transfer to the Fire Department Maintenance Account, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 4. To see what sum the Town will appropriate from available funds for the purchase of the Civilian Defense fire equipment, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 5. To see what sum the Town will appropriate from available funds and transfer to the Police Department Maintenance Account, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 6. To see what sum the Town will appropriate from available funds and transfer to the Registrars Expenses, or what it will do in relation thereto. , Board of Selectmen

Article 7. To see what sum the Town will appropriate from available funds for the purpose of holding appropriate celebration in honor of returning Reading veterans who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War II, including the placing of a suitable plaque on the Town flag pole on the Common and securing and presenting appropriate citations for such veterans, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 8. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds and transfer to the Parks and Playgrounds Account or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Public Works

Article 9. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds and transfer to the Highway Account, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Public Works

Article 10. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds and transfer to Water Department Maintenance and Construction Account, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Public Works

Article 11. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds and transfer to the Aid to Dependent Children Account or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Public Welfare

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to establish a policy requiring all Town Departments to segregate in detail their annual budgets and appropriations, or what it will do in relation thereto. Finance Committee

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee of five members for the purpose of studying job classifications and salaries with a view of establishing a uniform schedule in the Town, or what it will do in relation thereto. Finance Committee

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 559 of the Acts of 1946, being an Act to increase the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired, or what it will do in relation thereto. Contributory Retirement Board

Article 15. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds and transfer for the necessary installations and equipment to comply with the regulations for the safety of school pupils in school buildings in the Town, or what it will do in relation thereto. School Committee

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and instruct the School Committee to transport the school children from the area between the Wakefield-Reading Line and Libby Avenue to the Pearl Street School, or what it will do in relation thereto. **Gertrude Green and others.**

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in at least three public places in each precinct of the town, not less than seven days prior to October 28, 1946, the date set for the meeting in said Warrant, and to publish this Warrant in the Reading Chronicle, one day at least prior to said date.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of October, 1946.

KENNETH C. LATHAM
HERBERT K. MILLER
CHARLES E. WILKINSON
Selectmen of Reading

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Security Hall — October 28, 1946

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Samuel H. Davis. The Warrant was partially read, when on motion of Kenneth C. Latham, it was voted to dispense with the further reading of the Warrant except the Constable's Return which was then duly read by the Town Clerk.

The number in attendance was checked and enough were there for a quorum and the meeting was legally open.

Article 1. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to lay Article 1 on the Table.

Article 2. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) be appropriated by transferring said sum from the unexpended balance in the Veterans' Benefits Account to the Moth Department Maintenance Account and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 3. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the sum of $700.00 be appropriated by transferring said sum from the unexpended balance in the Insurance Account to the Fire Department Maintenance Account and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 4. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the sum of $500.00 be appropriated by transferring said sum from the unexpended balance in the Welfare General Aid Acount for the purchase of Civilian Defense Fire equipment and that the Town Accountant be

and he hereby is authorized and empowered to make the transfer to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 5. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of $600.00 be appropriated by transferring said sum from the unexpended balance in the Veterans' Benefits Account to the Police Department Maintenance Account and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 6. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the sum of $250.00 be appropriated by transferring said sum from the unexpended balance in the Veterans' Benefits Account to Registrars Expenses and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 7. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of ($2,500.00) Twenty Five Hundred Dollars, be appropriated by transferring said sum from the unexpended balance in the Welfare General Aid Account for the purpose of holding appropriate celebration in honor of returning Reading veterans who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War II including the placing of a suitable plaque on the Town flag pole in the Common and securing and presenting appropriate citations for such veterans and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized to make the transfer to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 8. On motion of Harold Putnam it was voted that the sum of Three Hundred ($300.00) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Insurance Account to the Park and Playground Account and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 9. On motion of Harold Putnam it was voted that the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred ($1,500.00) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Veterans' Benefits Account to the Highway Account and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 10. On motion of Harold Putnam it was voted that the sum of Sixteen Thousand ($16,000.00) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from Water Available Surplus to Water Department Maintenance and Construction Account and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 11. On motion of Joseph D. Knight it was voted that the sum of Fifteen Hundred ($1,500.00) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the unexpended balance in the Welfare General Aid Account to the Aid to Dependent Children Account and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 12. On motion of Gardner Long it was voted that there be and hereby is established a policy in the Town requiring all departments to segregate in detail their annual budgets and appropriations, including in such appropriations a separate item showing payments to be made for personal services.

Article 13. On motion of Gardner Long it was voted that there be and hereby is established a committee of five members for the purpose of making a comprehensive study of job classifications and salaries with a view of establishing a uniform schedule in the Town, such committee to consist of four members chosen one by and from each of the voting precincts in the Town and the fifth member to be chosen at large, by the four precinct members, such committee to report at the annual Town Meeting to be held in March 1947.

Article 14. On motion of Philip R. White, it was voted unanimously that the provisions of Chapter 559 of the Acts of 1946, being an Act to increase the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired, be and the same hereby are accepted.

Article 15. On motion of J. Warren Killam, it was voted that the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Fifteen Dollars ($12,515.00) be appropriated from Overlay Reserve Account and transfer said sum for the necessary installations and equipment to comply with the regulations for the safety of school pupils in school buildings in the Town and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 16. On motion of George Rogers it was voted that the School Committee be and they hereby are authorized and instructed to transport the school children from the area between the Wakefield-Reading Line and Libby Avenue to the Pearl Street School.

Article 1. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take Article 1 from the table.

Article 1. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 1 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to adjourn Sine Die Adjourned 9:25 P.M.

A true record. Attest:

GUY W. ELLISON,

Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR STATE ELECTION

(Seal)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Reading, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in elections to meet in Odd Fellows Building, Woburn Street, in said Reading, as the polling place designated for the four precincts in said Town on:

Tuesday, the Fifth Day of November, 1946, at seven o'clock A. M. for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Election Officers for:

Governor for this Commonwealth.

Lieutenant Governor for this Commonwealth.

Secretary of the Commonwealth for this Commonwealth.

Treasurer for this Commonwealth.

Auditor of the Commonwealth for this Commonwealth.

Attorney General for this Commonwealth.

Senator in Congress for this Commonwealth.

Representative in Congress for the Eighth Congressional District.

Councillor for Sixth Councillor District.

Senator for Seventh Middlesex Senatorial District.

Two Representatives in General Court for Eighteenth Middlesex Representative District.

County Commissioner for Middlesex County.

County Commissioner for Middlesex County. (To fill vacancy).

Also to vote Yes or No in answer to the following questions:

Question No. 1

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition.

Shall this measure, which by amendments of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.), provides for payment by the Commonwealth of adequate pensions to deserving citizens sixty-five years of age or over in need of relief or support, who shall have resided in the Commonwealth not less than five years immediately preceding the date of application for such pension, and who shall have resided in the Commonwealth continuously for one year immediately preceding said date of application, which is further described as follows:—

The measure by amendments of General Laws (Ter. Ed.), c. 6, provides for an old age pension commission of three persons, one to be a qualified physician, another to be an attorney at law and a third to be a non-professional person, who are to be appointed and may be removed for cause by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council, and are to serve under the Governor and Council. Not more than two members of said Commission shall be members of the same political party. Original appointments of members shall be for one, two and three years respectively, and thereafter appointments are to be for three years. Such members are to devote their whole time to the work of the Commission during business hours and be engaged in no other business, occupation or profession. One of their number is to be designated as chairman by the Governor and shall receive a salary of $6,000. and each other member $5,500 per year, with their necessary expenses. The commission is empowered to make and enforce rules and regulations as it may deem necessary in the performance of its duties and as may be approved by the Governor and Council.

The measure strikes out chapter 118A of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.), and inserts in its place a new chapter entitled "Adequate pensions for certain aged citizens."

It is provided that pensions hereunder shall be paid from the date of application therefor, but in no event before the applicant reaches the age of sixty-five. The Commission shall render a decision in not less than thirty days from the date of application for a pension or a request for an increase of the amount thereof. Such pension shall, wherever practicable, be paid to the aged person in his own home or in lodgings or in a boarding home, which for the purposes hereof shall include any institution providing shelter, care and treatment for aged persons which is not supported in whole or in part by public funds; provided, that no inmate of such a boarding home or institution shall be eligible for a pension under this chapter while being cared for under a contract. Such pension shall be paid by check or in cash which shall be delivered to the pensioner at his residence, if he so requests, and shall be paid semi-monthly unless the pensioner prefers less frequent payments. Such pension shall be on the basis of need and the amount thereof shall be determined in accordance with budgetary standards established by the Commission. Budgetary standards shall be such as to enable an individual pensioner to maintain a standard of living compatible with decency and health. Such pensions, except as hereinafter provided, shall be at the rate of not less than $48.00 monthly. The pensioner's budget at such times as may be required shall include medical care, if recommended by a recognized physician, eye-glasses, if recommended by a recognized optician, dental care and false teeth, if recommended by a recognized dentist.

In computing the pensioner's payment under this chapter, the Com-

mission shall deduct from the pensioner's budget or the minimum payment, whichever is greater, the amount of income the person paid or to be paid a pension hereunder may be receiving from any source, and may deduct therefrom such reasonable amount as may be deemed to represent the financial value of board, lodging or other assistance which is being furnished to such persons from any source.

Upon the death of a person drawing a pension, whose funeral cost does not exceed the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars and in whose estate there are insufficient assets to cover the full cost of the funeral, the Commission shall pay to the funeral director the difference between the assets and the cost of the funeral, a sum not exceeding one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

Expenses for medical, hospital and other services rendered to a pensioner, which remain unpaid at the time of his death or commitment to an institution as an insane person, shall be paid directly to the person rendering such services.

No pension under this chapter shall be discontinued nor shall the amount thereof be decreased until the expiration of fifteen days after notice has been given by the Commission to the pensioner.

Provision is made by which a person receiving a pension may be absent from the Commonwealth on a visit without having such pension suspended.

It is provided that General Laws (Ter. Ed.), c. 273, § 20, which relates to the support of parents by children, shall not apply when parents are eligible to receive a pension.

Provision is made that there shall be set up in the Commission a subdivision of appeals under the jurisdiction of a supervisor of appeals. Any person aggrieved by the failure of the Commission to pay an adequate pension under this chapter, or by the failure of the Commission to approve or reject an application for a pension or a request for an increase in the amount thereof, within thirty days after receiving such application or request, shall have a right to a fair hearing, after due notice, upon appeal to the subdivision of appeals in the form and manner prescribed by the commission; provided that such appeal is received by the subdivision of appeals within sixty days after official notice of the action taken by the Old Age Pension Commission has been received by the applicant or pensioner. The decision of the subdivision of appeals shall be final and binding upon the Commission.

The Commission or any interested person aggrieved by any decision in any proceeding before the subdivision of appeals may obtain judicial review of such decision by filing, within twenty days of the date of mailing of such decision, a petition for review thereof in the district court within the judicial district wherein the pensioner or the applicant for a pension lives.

In any proceeding for review the findings of the subdivision of appeals as to facts shall be heard in a summary manner and given precedence over all other civil cases. From the decision of a district court upon review an appeal may be taken to the Supreme Judicial Court.

The possession by an applicant for pension under this chapter of assets consisting of cash, active securities or inactive securities, or any combination of such assets, shall not disqualify him from receiving such pension; provided, that the total of such assets, figuring the present cash value of such inactive securities at the sum determined by the Old Age Pension Commission, does not exceed the sum of $300.

A person is not to be disqualified from receiving a pension because of the ownership of an equity in vacant land from which there is insufficient income to provide for his budgetary needs or minimum payments, or the ownership of an equity in real estate by an applicant who resides thereon or who, in the opinion of the Commission is residing elsewhere because of physical or mental incapacity, provided that if such equity on the basis of assessed valuation exceeds an average of $3,000 during the five years immediately preceding application for the pension, the applicant shall execute a bond in the penal sum for the amount of the equity in excess of $3,000 conditioned on repayment to the Commonwealth of all amounts paid as such pension without interest, such bond to be secured by a mortgage on the applicant's real estate. Provision is made for the recording of such bond and mortgage without a fee and the apportionment of the proceeds realized from any of them between the Federal government and the Commonwealth.

A person is not to be disqualified from receiving a pension by reason of the ownership of a policy of group insurance or of a policy of insurance in an amount not exceeding $1,000 or of a policy of insurance in an amount not exceeding $3,000, having a cash surrender value not in excess of $1,000, if such policy has been in effect not less than fifteen years.

No pension shall be granted to an applicant who at any time within five years immediately prior to the filing of an application for such pension has made an assignment or transfer of property so as to render himself eligible to such pension. No pension shall be subject to trustee process or assignment, and no applicant for a pension, who knowingly makes any false statement or perpetrates any fraud or deception in relation to his application, shall be granted any pension nor be eligible for one during one year thereafter. A person, his executor or administrator shall be liable in contract to the Commonwealth for expenses incurred by it for a pension paid to such person under this chapter if such person or his estate is in possession of funds not otherwise exempted thereunder.

If an application for a pension under this chapter is effected by the eligibility of the applicant to receive aid under General Laws (Ter. Ed.),

c. 115, which relates to State and Military Aid and Soldiers' Relief, the applicant shall be entitled to exercise such options and execute such waivers as may be necessary to receive the pension which he seeks.

All cities and towns in the Commonwealth shall furnish suitable headquarters for the carrying out of the duties of the commission in such cities and towns.

The measure further provides that there shall be established and set up on the books of the Commonwealth a separate fund, to be known as the Old Age Pension Fund, consisting of receipts credited to said fund under General Laws (Ter. Ed.) c. 64B, G. L. (Ter. Ed.) c. 128A, § 15, as amended, G. L. (Ter. Ed.) c. 138, § 27, as amended, and all proceeds of taxes assessed under Acts of 1941, c. 729, §§ 9 and 9A.

The Old Age Assistance Fund as in force immediately prior to the effective date of this act is hereby continued in existence, but shall hereafter be entitled "The Old Age Pension Fund."

It is provided that all civil service employees in the Department of Public Welfare of the Commonwealth, including the supervisor, referees and employees of the subdivision of appeals in said department or of any city or town, employed in the administration of the Old Age Assistance Law on the effective date of this proposed measure, shall be transferred to the service of the Old Age Pension Commission, retaining their present civil service seniority retirement rights and any step increases from the minimum pay of their grade earned during their service with said department or said bureaus.

It is provided that all records and property used in the administration of the Old Age Assistance Law and which are the property of the Commonwealth are to be transferred to the Old Age Pension Commission.

This act shall take effect on March first, nineteen hundred and forty-seven,—

which proposed law was approved in the House of Representatives by a vote of 125 in the affirmative and 79 in the negative, and on which the Senate did not vote—be approved?

YES	
NO	

Question No. 2

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition.

Shall this measure which provides that no labor union may be operated or maintained unless there is filed with the Commissioner of Labor and Industries a statement signed by the President and Treasurer setting forth the union's officers, aims, scale of dues, fees, fines, assessments and the salaries of the officers.

The President and Treasurer of a labor union is required to file annually with the Commissioner of Labor and Industries a detailed

statement in writing setting forth all receipts and expenditures of the union which shall be open to the public, and the said Commissioner is given the power to summons witnesses and records; and there is a penalty of not less than $50.00 nor more than $500.00 for whoever fails to file a statement or whoever knowingly makes a false statement,—

which was disapproved in the House of Representatives by a vote of 50 in the affirmative and 154 in the negative and in the Senate by a vote of 6 in the affirmative and 24 in the negative,—be approved?

YES	
NO	

To obtain a full expression of opinion, voters should vote on all three of the following questions:—

(a) If a voter desires to permit the sale in this city (or town) of any and all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on and off the premises where sold, he will vote "YES" on all three questions.

(b) If he desires to permit the sale herein of wines and malt beverages only to be drunk on and off the premises where sold, he will vote "NO" on question one, "YES" on question two and "NO" on question three.

(c) If he desires to permit the sale herein of all alcoholic beverages but only in packages, so called, not to be drunk on the premises where sold, he will vote "NO" on questions one and two and "YES" on question three.

(d) If he desires to permit the sale herein of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on and off the premises where sold and in addition other alcoholic beverages, but only in packages, so called, not to be drunk on the premises where sold, he will vote "NO" on question one and "YES" on questions two and three.

(e) If he desires to prohibit the sale herein of any and all alcoholic beverages whether to be drunk on or off the premises where sold, he will vote "NO" on all three questions.

1. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages (whisky, rum, gin, malt beverages, wines and all other alcoholic beverages)?

YES	
NO	

2. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages (wines and beer, ale and all other malt beverages)?

YES	
NO	

3. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages in packages, so called, not to be drunk on the premises?

YES	
NO	

1. Shall the pari-mutuel system of betting on licensed horse races be permitted in this county?

YES	
NO	

2. Shall the pari-mutuel system of betting on licensed dog races be permitted in this county?

YES	
NO	

"Shall the General Court enact legislation requiring jury service by women, with such reservations as it may prescribe?"

YES	
NO	

The polls will be open at 7 o'clock A.M. and will close at 8 o'clock P.M. And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in at least three public places in each of the four precincts of the Town not less than seven days prior to November 5, 1946, the date set for the meeting in said warrant and to cause this warrant to be published in the Reading Chronicle one day at least prior to said date.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-first day of October, A.D., 1946.

KENNETH C. LATHAM
HERBERT K. MILLER
CHARLES E. WILKINSON
Selectmen of Reading.

A true copy. Attest:

L. G. Bent

Constable of Reading.

Officer's Return

Middlesex, ss. Reading, Mass., Nov. 1, 1946

By virtue of this warrant, I on October 28, 1946, notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in elections to bring in their votes to the election officers in Security Hall, Woburn Street in said Reading, as the designated place for the four precincts of the town, by posting attested copies thereof in the following places within the Town of Reading:

Precinct 1. Austin's Lunch Room, 17 Harnden St.; The Danforth Pharmacy, 1 Harnden St.; Central Fire Station, Pleasant St.

Precinct 2. Masonic Temple Building, Main and Haven Sts.; Lyceum Hall Building, Haven St.; M. F. Charles and Sons Store, 610 Main St.; Boston and Maine Railroad Depot.

Precinct 3. Waterhouse's Neighborhood Store, 36 Mineral St.; Benny's Neighborhood Store, 168 Lowell St.; Fire Station No. 2, Woburn St.

Precinct 4. Municipal Building, Lowell St.; Zitzow's Neighborhood Store, 287 Lowell St.; McLaughlin's Neighborhood Store, 1051 Main St. the date of posting being more than seven days prior to November 5, 1946, the date set for the meeting in this warrant.

I also caused an attested copy to be published in the Reading Chronicle in the issue of November 1, 1946, the same being more than one day prior to date of said meeting.

L. G. BENT,
Constable of Reading

State Election

Security Hall November 5, 1946

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and the Constable's Return thereon a State Election was held at the time and place specified in the Warrant.

The meeting was called to order by Selectman Charles E. Wilkinson.

The warrant was partially read by the Town Clerk, when on motion of Leon G. Bent it was voted to dispense with the further reading of the warrant except the Constable's Return, which was then read by the Town Clerk.

The ballot boxes were examined by the Constable in charge, Leon G. Bent and each found to be empty, and all registered nothing.

The polls were then declared open by Selectman Charles E. Wilkinson.

The polls were opened at 7:00 A.M. and closed at 8:00 P.M. with the following result:

Number of votes cast 5456.

Governor	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Totals
Robert F. Bradford of Cambridge	949	1109	1175	1171	4404
Maurice J. Tobin of Boston	327	255	200	209	991
Horace I. Hillis of Saugus	6	4	0	1	11
Guy S. Williams of Worcester	2	3	2	0	7
Blanks	15	8	8	12	43
	1299	1379	1385	1393	5456
Lieutenant Governor					
Arthur W. Coolidge of Reading	1023	1148	1217	1201	4589
Paul A. Dever of Cambridge	248	215	155	172	790
Alfred Erickson of Quincy	8	3	3	2	16
Francis A. Votano of Lynn	2	3	0	5	10
Blanks	18	10	10	13	51
					5456
Secretary					
Frederick A. Cook of Somerville	1011	1148	1217	1198	4574
Benedict F. Fitzgerald, Jr. of Cambridge	249	209	151	167	776
Malcolm T. Rowe of Lynn	6	5	3	9	23
Blanks	33	17	14	19	83
					5456
Treasurer					
Laurence Curtis of Boston	928	1092	1180	1162	4362
John E. Hurley of Boston	329	266	192	207	994
Lawrence Gilfedder of Boston	6	3	0	4	13
Charles E. Vaughan of Brockton	2	1	1	2	6
Blanks	34	17	12	18	81
					5456
Auditor					
Thomas J. Buckley of Boston	365	310	255	273	1203
Russell A. Wood of Cambridge	884	1033	1104	1085	4106
Pearl J. McGlynn of Springfield	9	5	1	6	21
Robert A. Simmons of Boston	3	1	2	3	9
Blanks	38	30	23	26	117
					5456

		Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Pre. 3	Pre. 4	To-tals
Attorney General						
Clarence A. Barnes of Mansfield	937	1111	1186	1175	4409	
Francis E. Kelly of Boston	312	227	170	188	897	
William F. Oro of Boston	4	8	4	8	24	
Howard B. Rand of Haverhill	11	5	4	3	23	
Blanks	35	28	21	19	103	
					5456	
Senator in Congress						
Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., of Beverly	961	1114	1182	1173	4430	
David I. Walsh of Fitchburg	301	248	190	190	929	
Henning A. Blomen of Boston	9	4	1	9	23	
Mark R. Shaw of Melrose	3	0	0	6	9	
Blanks	25	13	12	15	65	
					5456	
Congressman — Eighth District						
Angier L. Goodwin of Melrose	1003	1117	1214	1195	4529	
Anthony M. Roche of Medford	247	227	147	166	787	
Blanks	49	35	24	32	140	
					5456	
Councillor — Sixth District						
John F. Casey of Somerville	312	250	179	214	955	
Victor A. Friend of Melrose	923	1083	1164	1119	4289	
Blanks	64	46	42	60	212	
					5456	
Senator — Seventh Middlesex District						
George J. Evans of Wakefield	1010	1140	1226	1213	4589	
Francis C. Zacharer of Lowell	222	195	122	139	678	
Blanks	67	44	37	41	189	
					5456	
Representative in General Court — Eighteenth Middlesex District						
Logan R. Dickie of Reading	1142	1230	1274	1284	4930	
Malcolm S. White of Woburn	756	893	943	908	3500	
Blanks	700	635	553	594	2482	
					10912	

	Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Pre. 3	Pre. 4	To-tals
District Attorney Northern District					
John F. Kelley of Cambridge	337	272	207	199	1015
George E. Thompson of Melrose	907	1072	1124	1144	4247
Blanks	55	35	54	50	194
					5456
Clerk of Courts Middlesex County					
John F. Ferrick of Cambridge	297	252	180	168	897
Frederick L. Putnam of Melrose	939	1085	1166	1167	4357
Blanks	63	42	39	58	202
					5456
Register of Deeds Middlesex Southern District					
John J. Butler of Wakefield	383	324	255	237	1199
Albert T. Guthein of Arlington	851	1007	1089	1099	4046
Blanks	65	48	41	57	211
					5456
County Commissioner Middlesex County					
Thomas B. Brennan of Medford	341	266	195	191	993
Melvin G. Rogers of Tewksbury	888	1053	1150	1138	4229
Blanks	70	60	40	64	234
					5456
County Commissioner Middlesex County (To fill vacancy)					
Edwin O. Childs of Newton	1116	1191	1259	1250	4816
Blanks	183	188	126	143	640
					5456
Question No. 1					
Yes	340	308	265	318	1231
No	639	810	866	762	3077
Blanks	320	261	254	313	1148
					5456
Question No. 2					
Yes	667	842	862	841	3212
No	311	283	261	261	1116
Blanks	321	254	262	291	1128
					5456

	Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Pre. 3	Pre. 4	Totals
Alcohol					
Yes	275	246	183	223	927
No	878	996	1074	1035	3983
Blanks	146	137	128	135	546
					5456
Wines and Malt					
Yes	284	226	186	226	922
No	829	1003	1049	1009	3890
Blanks	186	150	150	158	644
					5456
All Alcohol					
Yes	493	482	449	440	1864
No	682	787	841	829	3139
Blanks	124	110	95	124	453
					5456
Horse Racing					
Yes	594	498	482	506	2080
No	560	743	775	730	2808
Blanks	145	138	128	157	568
					5456
Dog Racing					
Yes	528	428	379	414	1749
No	574	771	816	757	2918
Blanks	197	180	190	222	789
					5456
Jury Service					
Yes	677	729	765	698	2869
No	401	445	423	459	1728
Blanks	221	205	197	236	859
					5456

The votes were declared in open Town Meeting, sealed in ballot envelopes and transmitted to the Constable to be placed in the vault for safe keeping.

Voted to adjourn, sine die, 2:15 A.M., Nov. 6, 1946

Attest:

GUY. W. ELLISON,
Town Clerk

Recount of Votes for Lieutenant Governor and Auditor

December 2, 1946

Pursuant to a notice from the Secretary of the Commonwealth a recount of votes was held by the Registrars in Room 2, Municipal Building, at 7:30 P.M., December 2, 1946.

Original — Lieutenant Governor

	Coolidge	Dever	Erickson	Votana	Blanks	Total
Prec. 1	1023	248	8	2	18	1299
Prec. 2	1148	215	3	3	10	1379
Prec. 3	1217	155	3	0	10	1385
Prec. 4	1201	172	2	5	13	1393
	4589	790	16	10	51	5456

Original — Auditor

	Buckley	Wood	McGlynn	Simmons	Blanks	Total
Prec. 1	365	884	9	3	38	1219
Prec. 2	310	1033	5	1	30	1379
Prec. 3	255	1104	1	2	23	1385
Prec. 4	273	1085	6	3	26	1393
	1203	4106	21	9	117	5456

Recount — Lieutenant Governor

	Coolidge	Dever	Erickson	Votana	Blanks	Total
Prec. 1	1019	252	5	5	18	1299
Prec. 2	1144	216	3	4	12	1379
Prec. 3	1215	157	2	0	11	1385
Prec. 4	1198	171	2	3	19	1393
	4576	796	12	12	60	5456

Recount — Auditor

	Buckley	Wood	McGlynn	Simmons	Blanks	Total
Prec. 1	360	883	10	0	46	1299
Prec. 2	311	1031	5	2	30	1379
Prec. 3	238	1115	1	2	29	1385
Prec. 4	253	1099	7	3	31	1393
	1162	4128	23	7	136	5456

Attest:

GUY W. ELLISON,

Town Clerk

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Department of Corporations and Taxation

Division of Accounts

November 14, 1946

To the Board of Selectmen
Mr. Kenneth C. Latham, Chairman
Reading, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Reading for the period from August 25, 1944 to June 15, 1946, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,
FRANCIS X. LANG,
Director of Accounts

FXL:CAH

Mr. Francis X. Lang
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Reading for the period from August 25, 1944, the date of the previous audit, to June 15, 1946, and report thereon as follows:

The financial transactions of the town, as recorded on the books of the several departments, were examined, checked and compared with the records of the town treasurer and the town accountant.

The books and accounts in the office of the town accountant were examined and checked. The receipts, as recorded on the ledger, were checked with the records of the various departments making payments to the treasurer and with the treasurer's books, while the payments were checked with the treasury warrants approved by the selectmen and with the treasurer's cash book. The appropriations and transfers from the reserve fund were checked with the town clerk's record of meetings and with the authorizations of the finance committee.

The town accountant's ledger was analyzed, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on June 15, 1946.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and

checked in detail. The recorded receipts were compared with the records in the departments collecting money for the town and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, while the payments were checked with the warrants authorizing the disbursement of town funds. The cash balance on June 15, 1946 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit and by actual count of the cash in office.

The payments of maturing debt and interest were proved with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled bonds and coupons on file. The bond and coupon account was reconciled, and the outstanding coupons were listed.

The securities and savings bank books representing the investment of the trust, investment, and retirement funds in the custody of the treasurer were examined and listed, the income being proved and the transfers to the town being verified.

The deductions from employees' salaries for federal taxes and Blue Cross were listed and reconciled with the amounts due and paid to the federal government and to the Massachusetts Hospital Service, Inc.

The records of tax titles held by the town were examined and checked. The amounts added to the tax title account were compared with the tax collector's records, the tax titles redeemed were checked with the treasurer's cash book, and the tax titles on hand were listed and compared with the records at the Registry of Deeds.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The property and motor vehicle excise taxes and special assessments outstanding according to the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitments, were audited and checked to the warrants for their collection. The payments to the treasurer were checked to the treasurer's cash book, the recorded abatements were compared with the assessors' record of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the respective ledger accounts.

The assessors' records of apportioned assessments not due were examined and checked. The apportionments added to taxes were verified, and the apportioned assessments not due were listed and proved

The records of departmental accounts receivable were examined and checked in detail. The recorded payments to the treasurer were compared with the treasurer's cash book, the abatements were verified and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

The financial accounts of the town clerk were examined. The records of dog and sporting licenses and of miscellaneous receipts were checked, the payments to the town treasurer being compared with the treasurer's cash book.

The surety bonds of the officials required by law to furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

The records of licenses and permits issued by the selectmen, building

inspector, and the health department were examined and checked, and the payments to the town treasurer were verified.

The books and accounts of the electric light department were examined. A list of the outstanding accounts was drawn off from the file of unpaid bills and reconciled with the controlling accounts kept by the department and the town accountant. The collections as recorded were compared with the payments to the treasurer and the abatements and discounts were verified.

The records of guarantee deposits for electric light services were examined, the refunds were verified, and the deposits on hand were listed and reconciled with the ledger accounts of the electric light department and of the town accountant.

The records of water charges were examined. The recorded collections were compared with the payments to the treasurer, the abatements were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the accountant's ledger.

A considerable amount of detailed checking was necessary in order to prove the water department accounts, numerous errors in the clerical work being found. The additional time consumed in proving these accounts added materially to the cost of the audit.

It is recommended that the outstanding water accounts be reconciled monthly with the controlling accounts in the town accountant's ledger.

Verification of the correctness of the outstanding tax, assessment, departmental, electric light, and water accounts was obtained by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

In addition to the accounts mentioned, the records of all other departments collecting money for the town or committing bills for collection were examined and checked in detail.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing a reconciliation of the several cash accounts, summaries of the tax, assessment, tax title, tax possession, departmental, electric light and water accounts, as well as tables showing the condition and transactions of the various trust, investment, and retirement funds.

While engaged in making the audit, cooperation was received from the officials of the town, for which, on behalf of my assistants and myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) HERMAN B. DINE,
Assistant Director of Accounts

HBD:CAH

True copy. Attest:

GUY W. ELLISON,
Town Clerk

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK ON FEES PAID TO TOWN

Birth Certificates	$ 34.75
Death Certificates	45.00
Voters Certificates	5.75
Marriage Certificates	19.00
Marriage Licenses	334.00
Mortgages and Discharges	598.55
Pole Locations	22.00
Certificates of Business	21.00
Gas Permits	15.50
Bill of Sale	3.00
Christmas Trees	5.00
Unclassified	6.79
	$ 1,110.34

Total

Miscellaneous	$ 1,110.34
Dog Fees	177.80
Fish and Game	147.75
	$ 1,435 89

Total Turned in to Treasurer

Miscellaneous	$ 1,110.34
Dog Licenses	2,155.00
Fish and Game	1,322.00
	$ 4,587.34
1 Kennel at $50.00	$ 50.00
2 Kennel at $25.00	50.00
2 Kennel at $10.00	20.00
478 Males at $2.00	956.00
89 Females at $5.00	445.00
317 Spayed at $2.00	634.00
	$ 2,155.00
21 Military — Free	000.00
County	$ 1,977.20
Town	177.80
	$ 2,155.00

Fish and Game

216	Fishing Licenses at $2.00	$ 432.00
191	Hunting Licenses at $2.00	382.00
116	Sporting Licenses at $3.25	377.00
56	Women's and Minors' Licenses at $1.25	70.00
1	Minor Trapping License at $2.25	2.25
10	Trapping Licenses at $5.25	52.50
1	Non Resident Fishing License at $5.25	5.25
2	Duplicate Licenses at 50c	1.00
20	Resident Citizen Sporting — Free	00.00
16	Resident Citizen Military — Free	00.00
		$ 1,322.00
	State	$ 1,174.25
	Town	147.75
		$ 1,322.00

NOTICE TO PARENTS, HOUSEWIVES, PHYSICIANS AND MIDWIVES

Your attention is called to the sections below taken from the revised laws. Blank forms for return of birth can be obtained from the Town Clerk.

General Laws, Chap. 46, Sec. 3 (Tercentenary Edition)
(As amended by Chapter 326, section one, Acts of 1939.)

Every physician, or hospital medical officer registered under section nine of chapter one hundred and twelve, in this chapter called officer, shall keep a record of the birth of every child in cases of which he was in charge, showing date and place of birth, the name, if any, of the child, its sex and color, the name, age, birthplace, occupation and residence (including the street number, if any, and the ward number if in a city) of each parent, the maiden name of the mother and the name of the physician or officer, if any, personally attending the birth. If the child is illegitimate, the name of and other facts relating to the father shall not be set forth except upon written request of both the father and mother; provided that if an illegitimate child shall have become legitimate by the intermarriage of his parents and the acknowledgment of his father, as provided in section seven of chapter one hundred and ninety, prior to the mailing or delivery of any report herein required,

such report shall read in all respects, as if such child had been born to such parents in lawful wedlock. Said physician or officer shall, within fifteen days after such birth, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the town where such birth occurred, a report stating the facts hereinabove required to be shown on said record and also the said written request, if any; provided, that if said report is not so made within forty-eight hours after such birth, said physician, or officer shall, within said forty-eight hours, mail or deliver to said clerk or registrar a notice stating the date and place of the birth, the street number, if any, the ward number, if in a city, and the family name. Upon presentation to him of a certificate of the town clerk stating that any such birth has been duly reported, the town treasurer shall pay to such physician or officer a fee of twenty-five cents for each birth so reported. Any physician or any such officer violating any provision of this section shall forfeit not more than twenty-five dollars. The said town clerk or registrar shall file daily with the local board of health a list of all births reported to him, showing, as to each, the date of birth, sex, color, family name, residence; ward and physician or officer in charge.

Within sixty days after the date of the birth of any child born in the commonwealth with visible congenital deformities, or any condition apparently acquired at birth which may lead to crippling, the physician in attendance upon said births shall prepare upon a form provided by the state department of public health and file with the clerk of the town where such births occurred a report setting forth such visible congenital deformity, or any condition apparently acquired at birth which may lead to crippling.

Said clerk shall transmit forthwith to said department such supplementary report of such birth. The contents of such report shall be solely for the use of said department in connection with its functions relative to crippled children, and such report shall not be open to public inspection or constitute a public record.

General Laws, Chap. 46, Sec. 6

Parents within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder, within forty days after a birth in his home, shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the town where such child is born.

General Laws, Chapter 111

Sections 110 and 111, require physicians, registered hospital medical officers, nurses or other attendants to report at once to the local board of health, every child one or both of whose eyes become inflamed, swollen and red and show an unnatural discharge within two weeks after birth.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1946

Date	Name	Parent
January		
3	Judith Anne Grant	Frederick H. and Doris E.
3	Douglas Scammon Frost	Lawrence E. and Doris P.
5	Brendan Leonard Hoyt, Jr.	Brendan L. and Sally M.
8	Edgar Gene Dewey	Alden B. and Helen F.
8	Pamela Lee Bangs	Eugene L. and Muriel A.
8	Barbara Elizabeth Poock	Frank N. and Mildred V.
11	Bonnie Jean Cramer	Wellington M. and Rowena T.
11	Carol Ann Christian	Howard J. and Marjorie R.
15	Miriam Hodges	Samuel H. and Gudrun M.
15	John Leo Mylott	James J. and Esther M.
16	Ralph Denis Keating	Ralph C. and Blanche K.
18	Laird Wayne Moore, Jr.	Laird W. and Priscilla G.
21	Maureen Pike	Leslie W. and Helen A.
21	Diane Elizabeth Ferry	Allan P. and Claire E.
22	James Melvin Peva	Stanley and Catherine B.
22	Carol Ann Brown	Walter J. and Eleanor M.
23	Patricia Spillane	Patrick J. and Margaret M.
25	Carol Ann Campbell	Arthur L. and Verna C.
29	Richard George Burns	George R. and Ruth M.
29	Paula Elizabeth Baase	Frederick C. and Helen F.
30	Robert Francis Lemaire	Everett F. and Myrtle Adams
February		
5	Jack Arthur Garden	Charles S. and Thelma G.
7	Barbara Frances Ryland	Stratford J. M. and Ruth N.
8	Arthur Walter Johnston	John H. and Harriet O.
16	Houle	Leo J. and Rose T.
17	Wayne Eaton Kittredge	Allen S. and Dorothy E.
19	Ronald James Mollica	Robert L. and Mary C.
20	Anne Marie Stosez	Joseph P. and Mary A.
24	Joanne Carol Dyment	Earle E. and Irma N.
25	Kirby Whittier Greene	Carle W. and Ruth H.
25	Marcia Katherine Wood	Calvin A. and Josephine M.
26	David Gordon Norris	Gordon V. and Katherine L.
28	Albert Lewis Wellman, 3rd	Albert L. and Marian S.
28	Jennifer Laroe	Colben J. and Hildur E.

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Date	Name	Parent
March		
2	John Myles Duff	John M. and Frances A.
12	David Ward Herrick	Paul E. and Edith M.
15	Valerie Ann Ripa	Vito P. and Hazel M.
15	David Bowers Carter	Jack B. and Grace E.
21	Harold Glenn Butt	John M. and Elinor A.
22	Elaine Marjorie Dwyer	Edward H. and Eleanor P.
23	Ralph Currier Goodwin, 3rd	Ralph C. and Barbara E.
25	Thomas George Richardson	Austin J. and Eleanor R.
25	John Sanborn Norton	Nelson J. and Emma A.
26	Charles Mackall Artz, 3rd	Charles M. and Arline W.
28	Rosemary Krotzer	Clifford P. and Mildred H.
31	Herbert Scott Watkins, Jr.	Herbert S. and Lorraine L.
April		
1	Stephen Alan Smith	J. Marshall and Florence I.
3	Lavonne Ann White	Leland E. and Elizabeth K.
7	Edwin Martin Smith	Walter A. and Marguerite R.
8	Mary Margaret Manning	Francis R. and Irene M.
8	Frances Ann Manning	Francis R. and Irene M.
9	Kenneth Gray, Jr.	Kenneth and Rose C.
10	James Theodore Rankin, Jr.	James T. and Charlotte F.
10	Robert Vance Bowser, Jr.	Robert V. and Margaret G.
11	Evelyn Louise Bezanson	Donald G. and Barbara L.
11	Janet Eunice Williams	John F. and Mabel V.
13	Paul Osman Gowing	Charles L. and Ruth E.
17	Richard Wayne Hurd	Norman R. and Erma C.
19	Wendell Miles Sharp	George H. and Avis M.
22	Robert Howard Johnson	Howard W. and Phyllis K.
23	Donna May Packer	Everett P. and Frances A.
30	Roy Arthur Skinner	William and Vera A.
May		
2	Tamara Frances Carucci	Stephen F. and Nancy T.
2	Shirley Mae Leonard	Percy C. and Annie M.
3	Domenica Maria DiNatele	Dominic D. and Ella C.
3	James Joseph Mitchell	James F. and Dorothea M.
8	Frederick Whittemore Kneisel	Frederick K. and Winifred W.
9	Leslie Long	George B. and Elaine T.

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May		
9	Wayne Clark Lynch	James B. and Jean E.
10	Beverly Jane Graupner	Frederick W. and Jane H.
10	Paul Toner	Joseph P. and Eleanor V.
11	Landry	Frank E. and Rena M.
11	Joel Palmer	Edwin J. and Marjorie B.
13	Dorothy May Lawson	Ronald R. and Ethel B.
15	Kathleen Holohan	Thomas H. and Esther T.
15	Paul Scott Carr	Paul G. and Phyllis D.
16	Kathleen Florence	William R. and Susanna M.
21	Walter Wright Cheever, Jr.	Walter W. and Evangeline R.
21	Linda May Dodge	Elmer F. and Helen F.
23	Sandra Jean Duff	Clinton A. and Mildred E.
24	Robert Henry Landry	Wilfred G. and Mary F.
26	Paul Randall Whicker	Walter G. and Wylma E.
30	George Donald Rooney	Robert C. and Meryl A.
30	Lois Richardson	Lenard F. and Pauline A.
30	Janey Kay Ricketts	Robert A. and Claire L.
31	Patricia Trainor	Edward J. and Therese B.
June		
1	Stephen Kent Pinto	Herbert and Elinore M.
4	Rosemary Keene	Edward and Ruth G.
6	Donna Marie Goodwin	Robert S. and Hilda M.
8	John Warner Conti	Arthur A. and Dorothy A.
16	Susan Jeanette Godfrey	Albert W. and Elvira L.
17	John Walter Doucette, Jr.	John W. and Evelyn M.
18	Patricia Jane Cox	Earle S. and Bertha S.
20	Richard D. Hilton	Walter C. and Eleanor D.
24	Josephine Anne Lawrence	Oscar J. and Catherine E.
25	Robert Alfred Major	William J. and Olive A.
26	Joshua Small MacDonald, Jr.	Joshua S. and Demia M.
28	Ronald Lee Foster	Robert A. and Hope P.
28	Robert Alan Surette	Paul E. and Susan J.
29	Marjorie Lois Brown	Stanley C. and Eleanor N.
July		
2	Russell Craig Whitford	Ernest R. and Joyce E.
3	Duane Lee Dugan	George R. and Shirley M

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July		
7	Nancy Jane Oldenbrook	Gerrit and Martha E.
9	Michael Allen Richards	John F. and Adele I.
9	Katherine Bailey	Richard L. and Melba C.
11	Leon Monroe Orcutt, 3rd	Leon M. and Louise L.
11	Robert Gould Archer	Fred V. and Marian E.
12	Lorraine Inez Daley	Russell and Inez M.
12	Shirley Elizabeth Scott	Daniel J. and Charlotte B.
13	Joyce Arlene Olsen	Francis D. and Ann M.
13	Janet Andrea Olsen	Francis D. and Ann M.
15	Bradford Sargent Bridges	Harold W. and Helen V.
16	Robert John McDonald	Edward J. and Mildred L.
17	Florence	Richard and Christine D.
18	Duane Penny Carpenter	David C. and Brooke G.
20	Frederick Leroy Nickerson, II	Frank L. and Janet E.
21	Paul Wayne Holter	Stanley I. and Ruth M.
27	Nancy Ellen Pratt	Robert W. and Beulah P.
28	Alan Alburn Warren	Alburn A. and Beatrice L.
28	Peter Malcolm Bredbury	Malcolm S. and Evelie L.
30	Mary Louise Denbow	Chester D. and Louise M.
31	George Edwin Waterhouse	George C. and Alice E.
31	Arthur Hamilton Smith	Edward W. and Dorothea H.
27	Barbara Fisher	Dana N. and Lois P.
August		
2	Susan Joyce Cohill	George A. and Lois B.
5	Richard William Fibel	Adolph F. and Mildred B.
6	Robert Charles Beeman	Douglas C. and Mary C.
8	John Hilton Nichols	Robert R. and Jean K.
10	Gary Pearce Bromley	Everett H. and Mary K.
13	Robert Arthur Curran	Robert E. and Mary T.
15	William Russell Kimball	Clarence M. and Inez G.
15	Ann Charlotte White	William F. and Hazel L.
16	Roberta Kathleen Carroll	Robert J. and Marion E.
17	Lesley Thornton	William J. and Betty J.
20	Priscilla Rose Anne Mitchell	William B. and Geraldine F.
21	Sylvia Brennan	William F. and Sylvia M.
21	Linda Grace McLeod	John T. and Cynthia J.
21	Justine Lillian Robbins	John H. and Barbara R.
22	Margaret Anne Hayes	James H. and Claire M.

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August		
24	Linda Blake	Winslow F. and Ruth A.
24	Philip Norman Bonner	Norman J. and Ruth H.
24	Marcia Westcott Bonner	Norman J. and Ruth H.
24	Steven Scott Herrick	Ralph E. and Nancy H.
26	Gerald Robert Morris, Jr.	Gerald R. and Marguerite V.
27	Richard Brooks Goddard, Jr.	Richard B. and Alice L.
28	Ronald Rice Carter	Robert E. and Winifred H.
28	Brian Whittemore Haigh	James E. and Frances M.
September		
2	John Sanford Barnes	Arthur R. and Jane E.
3	Martin Camacho	Manuel F. and Nora R.
4	Leah Gail Stevenson	James C. and Florence A.
5	Judith Ayers	Dwight L. and Hope C.
5	John Ernest Jackson	Charles M. and Mary L.
8	Judith Elaine Terlizzi	Albert R. and Virginia M.
8	Richard Edward Weeks	Raymond W. and Eileen E.
9	Russell Armitage Mann, Jr.	Russell A. and Virginia A.
10	Ellen Louise Horn	Ralph T. and Jennette E.
12	John George Perrault, Jr.	John G. and Thelma M.
13	Deborah Anita Colby	Carroll N. and Anita B.
14	Robert Thomas Vivace	Carl V. and Norma A.
14	Ronald Joseph Roberts	Arthur A. and Helen L.
16	Ronald Spurgeon Webster	Ross P. and Shirley M.
18	Robert Wayne Darr	Chester H. and Ruth B.
18	Janice Buel Hitchcock	Robert and Edith K.
19	Norman Alan Thompson	Norman H. and Elsie E.
20	Marjorie MacKellar	John K. and Lyreen I.
21	Dana Ross Turner	Kenneth E. and Margaret J.
22	Daley	Richard J. and Beatrice L.
22	Richard Cobb Bulliner	Frederick M. and Joanne C.
24	Pamela Ann Poehler	Arnold F. and Dorothy E.
25	Marion Helen Gaw	James R. and Ruth M.
26	Meredith Louise Harron	William H. and Lois A.
27	Suzanne Gray	Frank R. and Muriel L.
27	Edward Joseph Dunlea	Robert A. and Helen L.
29	Linda Frances Bryant	Franklin H. and Marjorie F.
30	James Robert Kehoe	Robert W. and Louise A.

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Date	Name	Parent
October		
1	Thomas Frederick Bailey	Harold J. and Eleanor L.
1	Janet Christine Broeg	Philip E. and Dorothy H.
1	Anne Katherine Dalrymple	Frank and Eleanor M.
1	Donna Ruth Hardy	Frank B. and Ruth V.
2	Janet Katherine Hamilton	Frank A. and Katherine L.
3	Bernard Wood Williamson	Alexander and Lottie W.
6	Joseph Edward Condon	David P. and Florence M.
8	Deborah Jean Lawler	Raymond A. and Shirley J.
8	James Zeytoonian	Jacob N. and Grace Y.
9	Sandra Marie Rogers	Russell G. and Mary E.
10	Richard Herbert Strout	Walter E. and Pauline L.
12	Richard Tapley Jones	John T. and Elsie M.
12	John Christopher Brooks	Horace T. and Lillian M.
6	William Hutchinson Rousseau	William C. and Margaret H.
13	Alan Macmann Corindia	Attilio E. and Dorothy E.
14	Arthur Coolidge Cox	Eugene R. and Dorothy B.
17	William John Hanson	John J. and Ruth E.
17	Linda Jerrine Johnson	Floyd E. and Rena J.
18	James Joseph Griffin, Jr.	James J. and Margaret M.
20	Margaret Helen Shaw	Robert J. and Helen V.
23	Norrice May Pentz	Thomas E. and Josephine A.
24	Frances Helen Smith	Melvin F. and Mary R.
24	William Edward Martin	Edward H. and Helen E.
25	Earl Joseph Surette	Joseph M. and Bertha S.
25	Diana Yvonne Lyon	Roger and Edith D.
27	Albert Leslie Heselton	Frederick W. and Edith V.
November		
1	David Alan Balentine	Jake A. and Virginia N.
1	Douglas Bradlee Hodson	Robert D. and Eleanor A.
2	Karen Lydstone	William T. and Dorothy L.
3	Peter Wyman Calkins	Robert D. and Louise S.
4	Robert Arthur Grundy	Robert A. and Ethel P.
4	Nancy Louise Harrow	George F. and M. Louise
5	Denese Margaret Cantrell	Dennis M. and Blanche G.
8	Stephen Frank Strasnick	Donald S. and Dorothy L.
8	Diane Gail Patterson	Harold G. and Lillian E.
10	Sandra Struss	Leigh A. and Ruth F.
11	Susanne Sawyer	Frank C. and Olga M.

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Date	Name	Parent
November		
11	Eunice Webster	Donald and Eunice M.
12	John Hamilton Piper	Benjamin Y. and Rose M.
14	Elizabeth Ann Cannington	James and Margaret A.
15	Lois Elaine Bugden	Kenneth J. and Elizabeth I.
18	Felix Frank Carpenella, Jr.	Felix F. and Lucy P.
19	William Scott Norris	William R. and Avis J.
20	Norma Jean Fierro	Joseph N. and Edith M.
21	Jean Scott Floyd	John S. and Angenette R.
21	Marilyn Elizabeth Cail	James B. and Marion B.
22	Richard Edward Coombs	James R. and Marjorie A.
23	Ellen Christine Doucette	Arthur F. and Ellen L.
25	David William Perry	Wilfred J. and Ruth E.
25	Dianne Elizabeth Briggs	Gilbert and Muriel J.
25	Donna Ruth Page	Frank S. and Edythe G.
27	Pamela Lyn Gill	Douglas and Mava A.
29	Diane Jayne Nault	Roland A. and Jayne M.
30	Robert Albert Hopkins	Chester I. and Mabel M.
30	Frederick Freeman Smith, Jr.	Frederick F. and Mavis L.
30	Miriam Libbie Smith	Frederick F. and Mavis L.
December		
1	Wayne Correy Mansfield	Harley F. and Alice M.
2	Joseph Roger Koslouski	John J. and Marion R.
2	Marjorie Ann Gleason	Nahshon R. and Julia A.
5	Dorothy Mary Richards	William E. and Dorothy M.
11	Gail Winifred Nash	Clayton R. and Ruth M.
11	Kendall Edward Gerade	Robert G. and Barbara K.
13	Douglas William Lister	William S. and Edith M.
18	Susan Carol Emslie	Edward C. and Annie B.
21	Karen Diane Lander	Horace N. and Donna R.
25	Carol Elizabeth Harris	Charles B. and Helen S.
26	Charles Calvert Mullen	Calvert W. and Barbara E.
31	Robert Charles Nickerson	Charles N. and Mary V.
31	William Roy Roberts	William F. and Barbara E.

DELAYED BIRTHS IN OTHER YEARS

1911

September

1	Ruth Folsom	Robert M. and Hattie F.

1940

December

6	Carol O'Donnell	Philip and Mary H.

1945

June

26	Jeffrey Holden Jackson	Edward K. and Margery K.

September

3	Roland Boyden Hoag, Jr.	Roland B. and Barbara S.

October

14	Barbara Rusette Middleton	Russell C. and Barbara M.
30	Ronald Alfred Johnson	John and Grace D.
31	Jeffrey Crosby Cohen	Sidney and Elizabeth M.

November

29	Daniel Joseph Meuse	Edward W. and Elizabeth G.

December

11	Stanley Edgar Ellison, Jr.	Stanley E. and Josephine V.
22	Laury Jean McGee	Hugh P. and Florence A.
24	Frederick James Armstrong, Jr.	Frederick J. and Nancy C.
24	Roger Crampton Jones	Edward F. and Barbara C.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING, YEAR 1946

Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
January				
1	Charles Thomas Rees	24	Freight Handler	Reading
	June Alice Warburton	19	Waitress	Reading
2	Donald William Borger	21	Can. Army	Winnipeg, Manitoba
	Eleanor Margaret Shaw	21	Canadian Army	Reading
5	Horace William Harlow, Jr.	25	Asst. Bookkeeper	Middleboro
	Lois Pratt Quigley	28	Secretary	Reading
6	Natale Thomas Bellantoni	24	U. S. Navy	Boston
	Irene S. Sztucinski	24	Artist	Reading
11	Lawrence Lloyd Fonger	23	Locksmith	Muskegon, Mich.
	Louise Mary Trainor	19	Beautician	Reading
12	Edwin Joseph Cargill	37	Electrician	Melrose
	Beverly Elizabeth Runge	19	Waitress	Reading
21	William Kelso	30	Driver	Somerville
	Gertrude Dorothy Doucette	19	Waitress	Reading
26	Allen Ashby Sweetser	28	U. S. Army	Reading
	Dorothy Anne Beasley	21	Stenographer	Reading
26	Benjamin Young Piper	29	Lawyer	Reading
	Rose Marie Markl	28	Stenographer	Reading
27	Russell George Rogers	23	Laborer	Reading
	Mary Evelyn Doucette	19	Shoeworker	Reading
30	Bernard Joseph McDonald	25	Office Worker	Wakefield
	Mary Louise Callan	25	Internal Auditor	Reading
February				
3	Robert Francis Spellman	21	Marine Corp.	Reading
	Madeline Margaret Sweeney	21	Bookkeeper	Milton
6	Albion Murray Benton, Sr.	48	Laborer	Reading
	Anne Genevieve (Smith) Brown	41	Polisher	Reading
9	Charles Frederick Burns	23	Salesman	Stoneham
	Shirley Louise Bussell	21	Secretary	Reading
15	John R. Muir	23	Truck Body Mechanic	Everett
	Dorothy H. LeFave	18	Solderer	Everett
15	Robert Andrew Doucette	22	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Nancy Marie Steber	19	Comptometer Opr.	N. Reading
16	Arthur Ernest LeBeau	23	Dis., U. S. Army	Moosup, Conn.
	Helen Louise Gadbois	21	At Home	Reading
16	John Harris Crooker	21	Rest. Manager	Quincy
	Elizabeth Dorothy Burpee	21	Clerical	Reading

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
February				
16	Olland Randazzo	21	Truck Driver	Saugus
	Marie Irene Marino	23	At Home	Reading
22	Herbert Francis Grimes	22	Driving Instructor	Reading
	Josephine Helen Karpich	18	At Home	Lynn
24	Louis William Waller, Jr.	31	Clerk	Chelsea
	Anne Rachel Arsenault	24	Stitcher	Reading
March				
1	Walter Hendrickson East	24	U. S. Marines	Amityville, N.Y.
	Betty Jane Parks	22	Insurance Underwriter	Reading
3	Henry Charles Richards	28	Merchant Marine	Malden
	Kathleen Mary Griffin	22	Machine Operator	Reading
3	John Joseph Reardon, Jr.	31	Rigger	Reading
	Ann Evelyn Reardon	28	Telephone Operator	Revere
7	Jack Friend	26	Salesman	Hampton Falls, N.H.
	Marjorie Ellen Turner	22	Model	Hampton Falls, N.H.
8	Warren Burpee Gaw	25	Meter Reader	Reading
	Florence Gertrude Calari	20	Clerk	Stoneham
10	Walter McNall Benham	29	U. S. Army	Arlington
	Rita Mae Durfee	28	Secretary	Reading
16	David Harry Barnes	21	Dis., U. S. Navy	Wilmington
	Beryl Doris Cook	20	Typist	Reading
16	Woodbury Cole Titcomb	22	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Florence Edith Pierce	21	Secretary	Reading
22	Alfred Earle Murphy	25	Service Manager	Somerville
	Barbara Blodget Carpenter (Clark)	25	Advertising Executive	Reading
22	Richard Linscott Bruns	19	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Bertha Locke Corliss	18	Typist	Reading
22	Roland Stanley Porter	22	Carpenter	Watertown
	Marjorie Eleanor Hill	19	At Home	Reading
23	Donald Buel Hitchcock	22	Student	Reading
	Barbara Jean Blaikie	21	U. S. Navy	Reading
April				
6	Paul Malcolm Dearborn	23	Office Manager	Melrose
	Ruth Longfellow Perley	22	Secretary	Reading
6	Joe Raymond Nash	32	U. S. Navy	Mangham, La
	Arlene Vaughn Grady	25	Pharmacist	Lynn
13	Harry Merle Hollowell	24	Welder	North Acton
	Jean Brooks Sullivan	21	Clerk	Reading

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
April				
18	David W. Crane	21	Machinist	Reading
	Dorothy Ruth King (LeBlanc)	21	Shoe Worker	Lynn
20	Bryce Vernon Horton	34	Salesman	Reading
	Barbara Isabel (Shaw) Pirie	31	Secretary	Lynnfield
21	James Robertson	21	Mechanic	Reading
	Priscilla Spicer	21	Secretary	Peabody
21	Charles Francis Hunzelman	24	Guard	Somerville
	Alice Irene Harvey	19	Clerk	Reading
21	John Michael Walsh	38	Mechanic	Reading
	Mary Priscilla Maguire	30	Clerk	Wakefield
21	Lawrence Drew	25	Electrician	Reading
	Mary Frances Crowe	27	Stenographer	Reading
21	Charles Cacciola	31	Merchant	Reading
	Elvira Evelyn Nigro	26	Clerk	Reading
21	William John Gordon	22	Laborer	Reading
	Gertrude Frances Lorgeree	22	Mounter	Reading
21	Maynard Hutchins Norwood	25	Cook	Reading
	Ethel Mae Greenyer	23	Nurse	Reading
21	Wilfred Joseph Perry	20	None	Reading
	Ruth Elizabeth White	18	None	Reading
21	Vernon Ralph Welch	20	U. S. Navy	So. Carolina
	Alice Regina Kelly	20	Clerk	Reading
21	Michael A. D'Orlando	21	Student	Reading
	Lillian Corindia	21	At Home	Wakefield
25	Donald Kenneth Oakley	25	Student	Fall River
	Winifred Fowle	19	Student	Reading
25	Charles Andrew Moores, Jr.	21	Insurance	Reading
	Barbara Dawn Coan	20	Clerk	Reading
26	George Ambrose LeFave	22	Truck Driver	Reading
	Jane Stella Tubek	20	At Home	Reading
27	Charles Joseph Warren	23	Packer	No. Reading
	Jeannette Eloise Forbes	24	At Home	Reading
28	Charles Duane Perry	22	Taxi Driver	Reading
	Jeanette Ann Muse	23	At Home	Reading
May				
2	Robert Carleton Anderson	21	Mechanic	Reading
	Mary Dora Dickson	21	Secretary	Cambridge

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
May				
4	Arthur Milton Gray	25	U. S. Army	Reading
	Priscilla Veazie	23	Medical Technologist	Reading
5	James Francis Arsenault	22	Fruit Manager	Reading
	Nancy Mary Beninati	22	Stitcher	Chelsea
5	Frederick Ellis Crosby	23	Mechanic	Reading
	Clytie Charlotte Dorr	23	Stenographer	W. Roxbury
5	George Leslie Gilman	26	Fireman	Reading
	Jean Frances MacDonald	24	At Home	Melrose
8	William Henry Morrison	41	Stock Supt.	Reading
	Aileen Moira Murphy	25	At Home	Wellesley
8	Vernon Floyd Williams	22	Student	Reading
	Nancy Quinby Stacy	19	Student	Natick
10	William Brooks	20	Mechanic	Reading
	Genevieve Marie Flater	19	Electrical Worker	Reading
10	Benjamin Gerry Beaudry	25	Plastic Coater	Reading
	Audrey Ruth Powers	20	Secretary	Reading
11	Michael Joseph Stapleton	27	Pressman	Medford
	Ruth Elaine Browne	24	Cost Clerk	Reading
11	William Henry Rees	32	Bd. Public Works	Reading
	Mary Louise Lynch	22	Bookkeeper	Fairhaven
12	George Everett Whelpley, Jr.	22	None	Reading
	Edith Ann Foley	19	Secretary	Boston
18	Clarence Edward Castine	48	Taxi Business	Reading
	Nellie Gregware Dodge	31	Telephone Super.	Reading
19	Thomas Leo Cullinane	29	Asst. Supervisor	Reading
	Mary Elizabeth Gilgun	27	Bookkeeper	Woburn
25	Herbert Vincent Dresser	25	Clerk	Reading
	Carmela R. Ragucci	24	Binder	Everett
26	Ronald Joseph Arsenault	21	Stove Foundry Work	Reading
	Rita Catherine Arsenault	19	At Home	Reading
26	William Henry Miller	30	Trailer Driver	Reading
	Rita Helen Deschene	26	General Electric	Salem
June				
2	Arthur Joseph Perry	30	Machinist	Reading
	Audrey Elizabeth Humphrey	23	Telephone Operator	Reading
2	Bernard James Meuse	28	Fisherman	Wakefield
	Mary Louise Tebeau	20	At Home	Reading
2	Timothy Edward Sullivan	39	Truck Driver	Cambridge
	Rosemary Therese Lothian	19	Student	Reading

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June				
2	James Barnes	26	Truck Driver	Saugus
	Isabelle McSheehy	25	Mounter	Reading
7	Robert Laetsch	21	None	Reading
	Barbara Lindsay Glover	21	At Home	Reading
8	Robert James Shaw	36	Letter Carrier	Reading
	Helen Virginia Brennan	26	Telephone Operator	Reading
8	Elwin Harrison Laetsch	32	Mechanic	Reading
	Isabel Ambrozik	22	At Home	Wakefield
8	Robert Benfred Stewart	24	U. S. Army	Lincoln, N.H
	Elinor Abbott	20	Nutritionist	Reading
11	Robert Edward Clement	28	Salesman	Reading
	Martha Stimpson	20	Bank Clerk	Reading
13	Otto Eckert	57	Tanner	Wakefield
	Gladys Condon Hawkins (Palmgren)	43	Saleslady	Reading
14	Eugene Clyde Bunt	36	Fireman	Reading
	Frances Bernadine O'Brien (Draper)	40	Manager	Reading
15	Dwight Elbridge Newman	19	Owner of Greenhouse	Reading
	Nancy June Pomeroy	18	At Home	No. Reading
15	Arthur Franklin Batchelder	24	Hardware Shipping	Reading
	Eilene Alvina Jack	22	Office Work	Newton Hlds.
15	Robert James Allicon	20	Driver	Reading
	Ann Elizabeth Monette	20	Cashier	N. Wilmington
16	Charles Donald Doucette	20	Baker	Reading
	Elizabeth Virginia Owens	20	None	Roxbury
16	Robert Irving Storey	22	Technician	Reading
	Winifred Carolyn Lavash	21	Bookkeeper	Waltham
16	Dudley Bradstreet Killam	36	Attorney	Reading
	Flora Bernice Lindskog	33	Stenographer	Chicago, Ill.
21	Edward S. Burns	21	Cab Driver	Wilmington
	Margaret Cecile Finney	19	Clerical Worker	Wilmington
22	Allen B. Voss	29	Police — G. E. Co.	Revere
	Florence Ann Bryant	24	Stenographer	So. Boston
22	Earle Marshall Davis	21	Student	Reading
	Mary Newcomb	21	At Home	Newtonville
22	Clarence John White	46	U. S. Mail	Reading
	Helen Gertrude Wrenn	39	General Electric	Lynn
22	Walter William Rose	41	Electrician	Reading
	Elsa Linnea Anderson	38	At Home	Arlington

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING, YEAR 1946

Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
June				
23	Norman Charles Hinds	30	Restaurant Prop.	Reading
	Mary Theresa Campbell	32	Waitress	Stoneham
23	Elbridge Locke Corliss	19	None	Reading
	Gladys Mary Carter	19	At Home	Reading
26	Edwin Leavitt Lear	21	Taxi Driver	Reading
	Mary Irene O'Connor	19	Clerk	Stoneham
29	Ernest Paul Doucette	21	Garage Mechanic	Reading
	Mary Alice Gorman	22	Secretary	No. Reading
29	John J. Boyce	56	Laundry Worker	Wilmington
	Carolyn H. Hulen	20	Sorter White Cr. Laundry	Somerville
30	George Louis Barnard	39	Patent Leather Tacker	Burlington
	Helen Mary White	39	Clerk	Reading
30	John James Ross	28	Machine Opr.	Reading
	Doris Marion Gadbois	20	In. Clerk	Reading
30	Lawrence Henry Melendy	28	Machine Operator	Reading
	Margaret Mary Costantino	22	Bookkeeper	Wakefield
July				
1	Bernard Gordon Nichols	27	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Ethel Leonette Lacey	20	Ins. Office Worker	Reading
5	Russell Churchill Allen	24	Clerical	Arlington
	Beatrice Ruderman	21	At Home	Reading
5	Robert Earl Stewart	30	Bank Clerk	Reading
	Dorothy Neta Greig (Ziesler)	29	Stenography	Australia
6	Dominic Iaconvangelo	28	Tube Inspector	Monnessen, Penn.
	Mary Norton	25	At Home	Reading
6	Frederick A. Phillips	33	Auditor	Boston
	Alice J. Godfrey	26	Clerical	Reading
8	Anthony Joseph Rose	24	Railway Express	Reading
	Juanita Blanche Gaw	19	At Home	Reading
13	Bernard Maxwell Creaser	43	Salesman	Reading
	Jennie Louise Hinchcliffe	52	At Home	Reading
13	Richard Joseph Broderick	22	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Pauline Frances Evans	22	Typist	Charlestown
14	Vernon Keith Zwicker, Jr.	21	Cabinet Maker	Reading
	Glenna Marguerite Flater	19	Spot Welder	Reading

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING, YEAR 1946

Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
July				
14	Felix Andrew Gallant	52	Laborer	Reading
	Florence Ann Bowser (Melendy)	55	Housewife	Reading
20	Davis Hoopes Forsythe	26	Dairy Farmer	Medford, N.J.
	Harriette Upson Camp	21	At Home	Reading
20	George Alexander Gibson	31	Machinist	Medford
	Thelma Jeannett Fenton (Barlow) (Procopie)	32	Reg. Nurse	Reading
22	John James Marchetti	21	None	Reading
	Lillian Lavinia McMurray	20	At Home	Stoneham
27	Thomas Henry Reilly	26	U. S. Navy	Westboro
	Helen Mary Connelly	24	At Home	Reading
28	Sidney Alfred Goodrich	40	Auto Body Repair	Reading
	Svea Martina Eleonara Helrich	39	Secretary	Reading
28	William Roland Schofield	19	Machinist	N. Reading
	Dorothy Jane Roberts	21	Salesgirl	Reading
August				
1	John Lazarus Dervishian	22	Machinist	Cambridge
	Mildred Charlotte Heselton (Krotzer)	18	At Home	Reading
4	Paul Sill	26	None	Reading
	Lorraine Josephine Fox	21	Typist	Reading
7	Wilfred Raymond Toussaint	27	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Jean Lorraine Surrette	19	Factory Worker	Reading
9	Roger William Pine, Jr.	29	Asst. Frt. Agt.	Reading
	Phyllis Mary Gordon	19	Payroll Clerk	Lowell
10	Frank P. Yentile	28	None	Wilmington
	Ruth M. Hovey	19	Assembler	Wilmington
10	Richard Blaine Webster	21	Press Embosser	Reading
	Helen Florence Nelson	20	Stenographer	Tewksbury
15	Edward Anthony Smith	28	U. S. Army	Cambridge
	Alice Josephine Evans	32	Stitcher	Reading
16	Joseph J. McLean	26	Bartender	Boston
	Claire C. Walsh	22	Clerk-Typist	Boston
17	Robert MacCollum Crosby	25	Student	Reading
	Charlotte Louise Woodward	25	Clerk	Milton
17	Carl Edward Gilman	25	Sheet Metal Worker	Reading
	Bertha Hildred Merritt	27	Nurse	Reading

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING, YEAR 1946

Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
August				
17	Lawrence Carlyle Stapleton	19	U. S. Navy	Lexington, Mich
	Norma Kathryn Raymond	19	Telephone Operator	Reading
17	Hugh Sumner Betts	21	Student	Reading
	Marguerite Eleanor Brophy	22	Student	Reading
21	Philip Nobet Cail	20	Necktie Cutter	Reading
	Mary Zaccone	16	At Home	Stoneham
22	Eric Lothar Meyer	36	Research Analyst	Summit, N.J.
	Thelma Ralston	29	At Home	Reading
22	Earl Richard Beck	21	Bicycle Repair Man	Reading
	Geneva Priscilla Alcorn	21	Council of Churches, Clerk	Somerville
24	Joseph George Ragone	26	U. S. Marine Corps	Somerville
	Lillian Bernadette Davies	23	At Home	Reading
24	Robert Brackett Tucker	23	Student	Reading
	Ethel Goldie Crosby	23	Secretary	Reading
24	Charles Puleo	48	Bindery Foreman	Chicago, Ill.
	Mary Morris	53	At Home	Wakefield
30	Warren Stanford Southwick, Jr.	27	Salesman	No. Reading
	Nathalie Madeline Smith	31	Secretary	Reading
31	Walter Robert Brown	23	Foreman	Greenwood
	Claire Irene Allicon	18	Radio Work	Reading
September				
1	Roger Weare Bragdon	24	Student	York Village, Me.
	Dorothy Babcock	23	Social Worker	Reading
7	James Norman Costa	52	Restaurant	Reading
	Margaret Agnes McElhinney	25	Waitress	Woburn
7	Reginald Amback, Jr.	24	Student	Reading
	Mildred Frances Pells	22	Nurse	New Britain, Conn.
7	Lennox Schoppelry	22	Carpenter	Reading
	Annabel Gladys Walker	23	At Home	Reading
8	Charles Albert Carroll	21	Storekeeper	Hopkinton, N.H.
	Natalie Helen Coker	22	Stenographer	Reading
8	Joseph Richard Pothier	24	Greenhouse Foreman	Reading
	Mary Nancy Nett	23	At Home	Woburn
14	Chester Arthur Cook, Jr.	28	Salesman	Reading
	Charlotte Elizabeth Mitchell	21	None	Melrose
14	William Lovejoy Henderson	20	Student	Reading
	Marie Agnes Burns	20	Stenographer	Wakefield

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
September				
15	Guy Wilbert Ellison, Jr.	24	Machine Operator	Reading
	Mary Josephine Marrone	24	Salesgirl	Stoneham
21	Robert Willard Wakeling	25	Student	Reading
	Elizabeth Buker Barstow	25	At Home	Reading
21	Charles A. Hammer	44	Taxi Driver	No. Reading
	Josephine R. Ranieri	23	Waitress	No. Reading
21	John Soccorso Cusato	21	Roofer	Wakefield
	Evelyn Bernadette Peters	22	At Home	Reading
25	Robert Preston Daniels, 3rd	34	Lawyer	Reading
	Nora Josephine (Roach) Devaney	33	Secretary	Stoneham
28	Gerald Norman Yeomans	23	Machinist	Somerville
	Thelma Phylis Sargent	23	Typist	Reading
October				
2	James Arthur Gorey	26	Mechanic	Reading
	Mildred Sidelinker (Dulong)	38	Waitress	Reading
5	Richard Whitney Wilcox	21	Insurance	Reading
	Pauline Lucrezia Secord	19	At Home	Lowell
6	Wallace Van Geyte	25	Wood Worker	Malden
	Esther Mary Ann Frotten	23	Laundry Worker	Reading
6	James Eleazer Carter	34	Clerk	Reading
	Bertha Mae Meuse	26	Clerk	Reading
12	Herbert Elmer Waterhouse	60	Merchant	Reading
	Helen Louise Flagg	47	Secretary	Reading
12	Robert A. Scott	39	Brick Mason	No. Reading
	Meredith Main (Zahn)	31	Secretary	Newton
13	James Franklin Whitton	26	Truck Driver	No. Reading
	Janice Winifred Humphrey	19	Bookkeeper	Reading
13	James Harold Melanson	21	Meter Reader	Wakefield
	Natalie Ellen Cutcliffe	22	Clerk	Reading
13	Robert William Morrow	22	Stationary Fireman	Reading
	Carolyn Faith Nichols	18	None	Reading
16	John Fletcher Motyer	69	Retired	Reading
	Ethel Louise Brown	68	Merchant	Bermuda
20	Lloyd S. Freeman	30	Engineer	Wakefield
	Virginia R. Knox (Ross)	29	At Home	Wakefield
22	Joseph T. Gingras	29	Mechanic	No. Reading
	Margaret W.. Upham	19	Attendant	No. Reading

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
October				
25	William George Lake	18	Seaman	No. Reading
	Shirley Emily Peterson	19	At Home	Reading
26	Francis Edward Muse	30	Mill Hand	Wakefield
	Sarah Elizabeth Fennelly	24	Spot Welder	Reading
27	Roger Gibbs Gifford	41	Chauffeur	Reading
	Harriett Maud (Ward) Gould	48	Housekeeper	Reading
27	George Alton Dahlmann	21	Draftsman	Reading
	Claire Leslie Johnson	21	Bank Clerk	Reading
November				
1	Frank A. Thibault	60	Rubber Worker	Reading
	Odelia Doucette	62	Housework	Reading
2	Harry James Dulong	25	Gen. Electric	Everett
	Davina Clapperton	27	Telephone Operator	Reading
2	Richard Joseph Melanson	20	Sprayer	Wakefield
	Ruth Alice Surette	18	Welder	Reading
3	George Henry Morgan	26	Machinist	Wakefield
	Alyce Mary Flynn	25	Secretary	Reading
3	George Thomas Malone	19	Army Discharge	Malden
	Ann Adele LeFave	17	Shoe Worker	Reading
3	George Economou	25	Greenhouse	Lowell
	Rose C. Burgoyne	25	At Home	Tewksbury
9	James Chapman Robinson	21	Truckman	Reading
	Edna Lee Peck	19	At Home	No. Reading
10	Dante D. DeCain	27	Store Manager	Wilmington
	Josephine P. McClean	27	Clerk	Wilmington
16	Robert Joseph Ginivan	24	Fish Cutter	Stoneham
	Helen Marie Kimball	21	Secretary	Reading
16	Frank Leslie Cushman	37	Lab. Technician	Everett
	Cora Alma Pitman	31	Secretary	Reading
16	George Clifford True	23	Bank Teller	Reading
	Barbara Currie	24	Secretary	Winchester
16	Harry Francis Evans	22	Truck Driver	No. Reading
	Ethel May Beauchamp	17	Machine Operator	Reading
16	John Alden Loring, Jr.	23	Clerk	Reading
	Rosemarie Johanna Bailey	21	None	Auburndale
16	John Francis Beaudoin	25	Police Officer	Reading
	June Frances Doran	21	Bank Clerk	Reading

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
November				
23	James Henry Smith, Jr.	24	Tanner	Reading
	Kathryn Mary Doucette	25	Shoe Worker	Reading
24	James Donald Doucette	19	Time Keeper	Reading
	Gertrude Margaret Cavanaugh	18	Shoe Worker	Reading
December				
1	Thomas Bernard Flanagan	41	Shipping Clerk	Reading
	Annette Brown	25	At Home	Reading
1	Bradford Louis Frautten	26	Laborer	Wakefield
	Blanche Mary Masel	23	Clerk	Reading
8	Warren Lloyd Fredericks	23	Machine Operator	Lynn
	Winnifred Mae Johnston	26	Cashier	Reading
14	Willis Murray Johnson	20	Freight Handler	Wilmington
	Ella May White	18	At Home	Reading
19	Frank Nelson Nickerson	28	Pressman	Reading
	Marjorie Eliz. Underwood	34	At Home	Winthrop
21	Richard Steele Ducette	19	Seaman	Reading
	Doris Marie Williams	23	Film Inspectress	Somerville
21	Townsend Leeds	21	Construction	Reading
	Grace Elizabeth Lander	19	Telephone Operator	Reading
25	Richard F. Smith	24	U. S. Army	Wilmington
	Theresa Dukos	28	Waitress	No. Wilmington

DELAYED MARRIAGES IN OTHER YEARS

1945

September				
22	George Cleveland Finch	25	U. S. Soldier	Oriskang, N.Y.
	Rita Lee LeFave	19	Typist	Reading

DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1946

Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
January					
1	Flora Tobey Strong	85	1	7	Cerebral Hemorrhage
4	Carrie Willard Chambers	76	2	22	Cerebral Hemorrhage
5	Mary P. Jeffery	95	7	21	Congestive Heart Failure
6	William J. Parsons	77	0	28	Coronary Occlusion
7	Minnie A. Harvey	71	6	27	Carcinoma of Uterus
11	George B. Wright	79	6	19	Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease
13	Sarah Elma Shurman	86			Broncho Pneumonia
14	Elizabeth N. Urquhart	80	2	16	Coronary Sclerosis
15	Roberta B. Steele	60	7	27	Carcinoma of Breast
15	Granger Carroll	69	7	7	Broncho pneumonia
16	Sarah Channell	84	2	12	Cerebral Hemorrhage
17	John A. Loring	49	10	18	Uremia
20	Blanche E. Bryden	73	2	14	Coronary Thrombosis
24	Henry Ellis	60			Coronary Thrombosis
25	Henry P. Jacob	58	8	22	Cerebral Hemorrhage
29	Frank Paul Wood	60	9	1	Cerebral Hemorrhage
29	Ivanilla M. Cahoon	74	2	24	Coronary Occlusion
31	Eleanor Reed	32			Rheumatic Heart Disease
February					
4	Elvira F. Veasey	86	10	14	Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease
4	Willard Massey Crowe	68	5	10	Congestive Heart Failure
6	Louise H. Jenkins	82	3	22	General Arteriosclerosis
6	John W. Harrison	21		25	Congenital Anomaly of Heart
8	Katherine M. Kelsey	81		2	Influenza
9	Herbert Poore	84	8	19	Generalized Arteriosclerosis
17	John Tonry	70			Coronary Thrombosis
20	Linwood L. Spencer	55	3	0	Carcinoma of Pancreas
21	William H. Campbell	72	3	11	Benign prostatic hypertrophy
22	Patrick J. Long	59	11	26	Cerebral Hemorrhage
March					
1	Ellen Richards	79	2	17	Carcinoma of Ovary
1	William S. Dennison	76	7	5	Acute Ventricular Failure
5	Charlotte Dick	63	0	1	Cerebral Hemorrhage

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Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
March					
8	Adeline M. LeFave	89	3	17	Coronary Sclerosis
15	Annie M. Caldwell	78	1	15	Acute Pulmonary Edema
16	John Mylott		2		Congenital Heart Disease
19	Katie Lizeth Bennett	79	3	15	Coronary Occlusion
21	Harry Clarkson Parker	61	8	0	Fracture Skull
22	Martha Park	95	7	6	Hypertensive Cardio Vascular
29	William Henry Pervear	91	4	3	Myocardial Degeneration
30	Chester Jay Wallace	77	9	2	Cerebral Embolism
April					
2	Elizabeth A. Herrick		2		Pulmonary Edema
3	William J. St. Louis	37	5	21	Brain Tumor
3	Stephen Alan Smith			2	Hemorrhage-Broncho Pneumonia
7	George Henry Prescott	91	9	1	Arteriosclerosis
9	Margaret Jane Wright	61	7	18	Coronary Occlusion
10	August Ludwig Esterberg	84	3	3	Gastroenteritis
11	Arthur Thomas	76	3	23	Cardiac Infarction Ventricular
14	Bertha Allinson	78	1	17	Cerebral Hemorrhage
14	Arthur Gerry Sias	72	2	14	Coronary Occlusion
15	Mary Bronk	49	9	3	Cerebral Hemorrhage
22	Linville Hall Higgins	74	10	25	Coronary Occlusion
24	William Arnold Haley	69	7	4	Carcinoma of Bladder
27	Norris D. Cluff	45	4	3	Heart Disease, probably Coronary Occlusion
29	Sarah Ann Kelleher	58		2	Coronary Thrombosis
May					
4	Mabel A. Southwick	70	8	8	Broncho-Pneumonia
6	Civilla C. Osborne	75	7	25	Intestinal Obstruction
7	Frank E. Gray	78	3	12	Hypostatic Pneumonia
10	Helen F. Sawyer	59	1	1	Carcinoma of Liver
10	Thomas W. Berry	44	5		Melansarcoma
15	Henry Edward Belhumer	51	11	22	Coronary Occlusion
16	Catherine Ferrick	65	7	23	Adenocarcinoma of Liver
18	Frankie M. Mather	93	7	13	Arteriosclerosis

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Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
May					
22	Pearl M. Burgess	61	0	8	Heart Failure, probably Coronary Occlusion
22	Fred Converse Slack	80	7	14	Cerebral Arterios Sclerosis
22	Elmer Francis Sillars	68	10	20	Cirrhosis of Liver
26	Henrietta Belle Mooney	78		13	Clu. Endocardites
31	John Beighley	10	7		Chronic glomerulonephritis
June					
4	Mary Elizabeth Quinlan	49	6	29	Asphyxiation by Carbon Monoxide
11	Alma L. Pitman	59	2	6	Adenocarcinoma of Breast
13	Arthur C. Putnam	79			Lobar Pneumonia
14	Elizabeth M. Owen	75	10	1	Peritonitis
17	Robert Ross Nicholson, Jr.	9	7	2	Injuries received in auto accident
18	John Robert Anderson	74	2	7	Carcinoma of Prostate Gland
18	Georgie E. Donnell	86	10	20	Carcinoma of Rectum
19	Marie L. MacPherson	84	7	12	Broncho Pneumonia
20	Peter J. Arsenault	50		1	Carcinoma of Pancreas
21	Everett B. Ralston	58	2	27	Coronary Sclerosis
27	Sylvester Zyskowski	77			Coronary Occlusion
30	Charlotte A. Petkewich	55	3	26	Metastic Carcinoma of Lung and Spine
30	Mary Potter Allen	97	1	16	Hypertensive Cardiovascular
July					
1	Charles H. Buxton	79	6	17	Cerebral Hemorrhage
2	Edith L. Robinson	45	9	14	Carcinoma of Bladder
6	Fannie Elwood Hooker	76	6	30	Hypertensive Heart Failure
9	Laurence E. Murphy	74	5	4	Acute Cholecystitis
10	William Bertram Goodwin	26	1	11	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
14	Winifred A. Davis	54	3	10	Multiple Sclerosis
20	Cynthia Jean Dodge			5	Cerebral Hemorrhage
21	Howard Lorenzo Warren	27	1	26	Suicide
24	Charlotte Emma Heselton	85	2	18	Coronary Occlusion
27	Ernest Moore Graves	72	3	16	Carcinoma of Lung
27	Florence Kathlein Treseler	65	5	27	Coronary Occlusion
27	Walter James Smith	53	6	7	Coronary Occlusion
29	Hilda Tupper	46			Tumor of Brain

DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1946

Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
August					
2	Frank Meuse	65	5	0	Carcinoma of Pancreas
3	Martha Susan Carey	80	9	8	Coronary Occlusion
4	Edward Allen Freeman	68	8	13	Chronic Dephritis
5	Frederick L. Buckmaster	96	5	2	Hypostatic Congestion
9	John James O'Brien	57	2	18	Coronary Occlusion
10	Susie Belle McDonough	69	1	26	Coronary Occlusion
10	Addie Chase	77	10	28	Endocarditis
10	Georgiana Littlefield	92	11	16	Chronic Myocarditis
13	John Lovitt Muse	69	11	9	Laceration of Brain
17	Grace Elizabeth Fowle	79	4	10	Carcinoma of Breast
18	Marion L. Price	85			Chronic Myocarditis
20	Baby Toepfer		2	hrs	Congenital absence left diaphragm
23	James Clarence Brown	75	2	23	Carcinoma Pancreas
25	Isabelle G. Bronson	90	3	0	Uraemia
25	Blanche Maybelle Hill	65	8	5	Pulmonary Embolism
30	Elias Beals Currell	79	7	7	Metastatic Carcinoma of Sternun
September					
2	Emily Angela Ham	95	3	28	Chronic Mycardial Degeneration
9	Elizabeth Packard	62		17	Cerebral Thrombosis
17	Frank Joseph Collins	47	1		Coronary Thrombosis
18	Eugenia Marion Olsen	55	10	29	Cerebral Embolism
19	Lincoln Plummer Davis	80	11	3	Coronary Thrombosis
19	Ella C. Williams	77	3	3	Cirrhosis of Liver
20	Frederick W. Mellin	78	1	27	Carcinoma of Stomach
20	James E. Marshall	64		28	Valvular Heart Disease
21	Owen Warris Bredbury	72	3	1	Heart Failure
23	Ida C. Berkley	85	1	11	Hypertension Cerebral Hemorrhage
24	Harold Youd	65	7	5	Cerebral Hemorrhage
26	Lillian M. Manning	73	1	2	Coronary Occlusion
28	Jane Laing	4	1	13	Acute Encephalopathy

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Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
October					
3	Nellie Estelle Gould	72	10	7	Coronary Occlusion
9	Caroline L. Knox	67	0	4	Cardiac Embolus
9	Maude M. Kanada	71	11	5	Cerebral Embolism
10	James Ferrick	77	5		Pulmonary Embolus
11	Elizabeth Maude Sargent	67	2	0	Cerebral Hemorrhage
13	Sarah Emma Nichols	88	9	16	Carcinoma of Breast
14	Charles Davis	78	4	23	Fracture left Femur, Diabetes
14	Edmund Blier	58	3	10	Coronary Thrombosis
16	William A. Doucette	74			Coronary Thrombosis
18	Samuel Bromley	80	2	21	Acute Cardiac Decompensation
19	Ellen J. Phippen	68	8	11	Cerebral Hemorrhage
19	James E. Sinott	50	11	27	Acute Cardiac Failure
20	Dorothy A. Allard	40	6	2	Chronic Myeloid Leukemia
21	Anna Berry Abbott	79	10	26	Cerebral Hemorrhage
23	Maud Evelyn Clapp	55		11	Carcinoma of Rectum
23	Alice E. Dimock	75	1	20	Diabetes Mellitus
25	Laura L. Dillingham	76	1	25	Abdominal Carcinoma
November					
1	Felix Herman Leuchtmann	66	1	19	Broncho Pneumonia
4	Mildred R. Hunter	66	5	25	Coronary Occlusion
4	Jacob Hager Carfrey	87	8	20	Coronary Thrombosis
6	Jessie B. Nichols	84	2	19	Cerebral Hemorrhage
8	Howard H. Blabon	90	11	25	Generalized arteriosclerosis
8	Etta Ann Corbett	75	5	15	Coronary Occlusion
8	Mary E. Crystal	83	7		Arteriosclerosis
13	Charles Benjamin Johnson	36	4	21	Coronary Occlusion
17	Frederick DuBois Ingalls	69	4	15	Chronic Myocarditis
25	Nettie M. Baker	75	5	30	Hypertensive Cardio Vascular
27	Arthur Gilmet	65	8	12	Pulmonary Edema
29	John M. Raymond	64	10	19	Broncho Pneumonia

DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1946

Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
December					
2	Arthur Hamilton Cook	77	6	1	Coronary Thrombosis
7	Mary Black	87	0	2	General Arteriosclerosis
8	Wesley Flint	85		21	Cardiac Failure
8	William Carney	85			Arteriorsclerotic
9	Emma Austin Burns	84	4	6	Coronary Thrombosis
10	Thomas Davis	80	5	4	Cerebral Compression
11	Grace Henderson	75	6	5	Coronary Thrombosis
12	James Henry Remick	74	3	11	Carcinoma of Duodenum
16	Margaret A. McCarty	72			Cerebro Vascular Accident
19	Sehrie Anderson	69	6	11	Bulbar Paralysis
25	Mary Elizabeth Quinlan	84			Carcinoma of Colon
26	Grace Batchelder Shepardson	76	4	29	Coronary Occlusion
29	Florence Ada Cook	71	0	26	Coronary Occlusion

DEATHS DELAYED IN OTHER YEARS

1945					
June					
12	James A. Richmond	28	10	7	Airplane Crash

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The annual report of the Board of Selectmen for the year ending December 31 1946 is hereby submitted.

At an adjourned meeting held March 4 1946 the Board organized as follows:

Kenneth C. Latham, Chairman
Herbert K. Miller, Secretary
Charles E. Wilkinson
Leon G. Bent, Clerk

Regular meetings of the Board have been held on Monday nights with extra meetings when necessary.

This year we have asked the citizens who wished to see the Board to make an appointment with the Clerk of the Board prior to the regular meeting. This has resulted in saving time for the citizens and your Board. We have followed the procedure of publishing the agenda of the Board in the Reading Chronicle.

Reports of the various Town Departments under the jurisdiction of your Board of Selectmen appear on other pages of this report. We, therefore, will report only the highlights of the Boards' activities for 1946.

Your Board received many requests from citizens regarding bus service throughout the town. Several hearings were held by the Board to discuss the proposed areas to be served. As a result of these hearings additional service is now available to residents on Ash Street, Brook Street, South Main Street, Eaton Street, Salem Street, Green Street and High Street, by the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company.

In December the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company extended its service from Sullivan Square to Reading Square which your Board approved.

Continued requests for bus service from citizens on the West side and Northern area of the Town resulted in your Board granting to Carlton B. McIntire of North Reading the right to operate bus service in these areas. This service must be approved by the Department of Public Utilities before it can be instituted. Mr. McIntire's petition is now before the D.P.U.

Due to the cancellation of the Emergency Act which extended the time of employment to all those who had reached the retirement age, Leon G. Bent, who had served the Town for twenty-five years as Town Accountant and Clerk of the Board of Selectmen, was retired on June 1, 1946. A fitting testimonial was tendered Mr. Bent on May 27,

1946. Those present to pay tribute to Mr. Bent's long and efficient service were those who had served as members of the Board of Selectmen during Mr. Bent's term of office. Messages were received from those who could not be present.

The Municipal Parking Area which your Board brought before the Annual Town Meeting and for which money was appropriated to carry out the approved plans, and through the combined efforts of your Parking Area Committee, Board of Public Works and Town Counsel, has become a reality. It was decided that the permanent surfacing of the Parking Area be delayed until the Spring of 1947. This would allow for any settling and would allow further time to study the drainage problem of the area.

On October 19, 1946, your Board issued a proclamation setting aside Monday, November 11, 1946 as Reading's Welcome Home Day, and called upon all citizens of Reading to take part in observance of this day and its program and thereby extending to our Veterans of World War II a real genuine "Welcome Home."

A committee composed of your Board of Selectmen, representatives of Post No. 62 American Legion and Post No. 685 Veterans of Foreign Wars labored zealously in planning and carrying out the program.

Ringing of the Church bells announced the opening of the day's events. Following the parade which was highly commended, appropriate exercises were held on the Common. The dedication of a plaque which was placed on the new flag pole, to those who paid the supreme sacrifice, was conducted in the presence of our Gold Star Mothers and Fathers.

Scrolls from the Town were presented to our Servicemen by members of the Board of Selectmen.

We were honored to have as our guest, Senator Leverett Saltonstall, who delivered an appropriate address.

A dinner was served to our Servicemen at the Legion House following the exercises on the Common.

In the afternoon a football game was held between Reading High School and Cambridge Latin School. Between the halves an impressive Armistice Memorial Service was conducted by Post No. 62 American Legion.

The day's events were brought to a successful closing by a Military Ball held in Security Hall under the direction of Post No. 685 Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The Board of Selectmen wish to express their deep appreciation to Mr. John M. Widdell, Chairman of this Committee and to all the members who gave of their time in making this day one long to be remembered. Our appreciation is also extended to the Salvage Committee who voted a sum of money together with a like sum appropriated at a Special Town Meeting, to finance this Welcome Home Celebration.

Your Board is pleased to announce that after many months of discussion and study with the Engineering Department of the Boston and Maine Railroad regarding the dangerous conditions which have existed at the Willow Street Crossing, we have been informed that automatic gates will be installed at this crossing in the early spring of 1947.

During the year your Board has completed a survey of the Traffic Rules and Regulations. Certain changes have been recommended and copies have been presented to various Departments and organizations for their approval and comment. Before the final adoption of these revised Traffic Rules and Regulations your Board will give the citizens an opportunity to review them at a public meeting.

In closing, the Board wishes to express its appreciation for the co-operation of our Departments and those who make up these Departments. The friendly, helpful efforts of our fellow town officers and their Board and the Reading Chronicle.

Respectfully submitted,
HERBERT K. MILLER, Secretary
Board of Selectmen

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

At the first meeting of the Board Mr. Pease was re-elected as chairman and Mr. David as secretary.

The Board has met with the Selectmen on several occasions to discuss matters pertaining to the zoning by-laws and the building code.

Members of the Board have attended all hearings before the Board of Appeals and several hearings of the Board of Survey.

The practice of furnishing maps to the various town boards has been continued. Many citizens have sought advice on zoning matters.

Mr. White has continued to serve on the Capital Expenditures Planning Committee while Mr. David has succeeded Mr. Berry as the second member of the Board on that committee. Mr. Pease was delegated to serve on the School Site Committee authorized by vote of the Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Sidney Shurcliff was engaged to make a study and report on the landscaping of Reading Commmon and vicinity.

Respectfully submitted
GEORGE B. PEASE
A. LLOYD DAVID
WALTER D. BERRY
WINTHROP D. PARKER
PHILIP R. WHITE
Planning Board

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR 1946

To the Citizens of the Town of Reading:

The Cemetery Trustees submit their Annual Report as follows:

Immediately after the Annual Meeting of the Town in March the Board organized by electing Clarence C. White as Chairman and Fred L. Nutter as Secretary. William P. Pierpont was reappointed Superintendent.

On June 30th Mr. Pierpont reached the retirement age and therefore resigned as Superintendent, and Mr. White, our Chairman, resigned because of giving up his residence in Reading. These men have faithfully served the Town of Reading through this Board and it was with regret that it became necessary to accept their resignations.

To carry on, the Board met and elected Fred L. Nutter as Chairman and James W. Fairchild as Secretary, and accepted the resignation of Harold F. Davis as a member of the Board and appointed him as Superintendent to succeed Mr. Pierpont. The two vacancies on the Board were filled at a joint meeting by the remaining members of the Board and the Board of Selectmen, and the appointments were made of William P. Pierpont and David E. Hersee for the remainder of the year.

During the year, the Board has found it necessary to raise the fees in connection with the various services of the Cemetery, including Holiday, Saturday afternoon and Sunday interments and regular interments. This will increase the revenue to the Town a substantial amount.

Because of the general rise in the cost of labor, it became ncessary for the Board to ask for an additional appropriation at the Special Town Meeting held May 20, 1946, to grant the increases to our employees.

It has been the policy of this Board to carry on its work as economically as possible and we are sure that the Town is getting value for the money spent. The condition of both Cemeteries reflect the excellent supervision by our Superintendents. The report of the Superintendent, approved by the Trustees and appended hereto, covers fully the work carried on during the year.

The Board is grateful for the splendid co-operation of the Superintendents and their assistants for maintaining the high standards in the care and operation of both Cemeteries.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED L. NUTTER, Chairman
JAMES W. FAIRCHILD, Secretary
HARRY C. BARR
EDOUARD N. DUBE
DAVID E. HERSEE
WILLIAM P. PIERPONT
Board of Cemetery Trustees

LAUREL HILL AND FOREST GLEN CEMETERIES

REPORT FOR 1946

To the Board of Cemetery Trustees:
Town of Reading, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The Superintendent's Report on the operation of the Reading Cemeteries for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1946 is herewith submitted.

It should be noted that this report includes statistics of my predecessor, Mr. William P. Pierpont. His duties as Superintendent terminated on June 30, 1946, having attained the statutory age for retirement.

The normal yearly functions of maintenance and interments were augmented by several tasks. Acts of VANDALISM on the ornamental iron gates at both the Highland and Lowell Street entrances to Laurel Hill Cemetery necessitated extensive and expensive repairs.

At the Laurel Hill service yard building now serving as a work shop and garage, modern sanitary conveniences were installed within and a connection made to a newly constructed septic tank, the present heater room enlarged and a reinforced concrete foundation poured for a garage stall to be constructed on the upper level.

The removal of dead trees, namely two large elms and one willow at Laurel Hill Cemetery was accomplished with the able and co-operative assistance rendered this Department by both the Public Works and Tree Departments of the Town.

At Forest Glen a stonedust sidewalk with tree lawn was constructed along the frontage of the town owned dwelling at No. 270 Pearl Street. A small building was moved from the service yard at Laurel Hill and placed upon a foundation at Forest Glen to serve as a temporary tool house. The present fieldstone masonry wall of 1950 lin. ft. in length was repointed where needed throughout its entirety, and sections of this wall not capped with North River Blue Stone Slab, (1090 lin. ft. total), were capped with cement mortar to prevent further deterioration caused by the weather elements.

	Laurel Hill	Forest Glen	Total
Interments	56	28	84
Foundations:			
Monuments	7	19	26
Markers	39	14	53
Lots Repaired	5	0	5
Graves Repaired	82	8	90
Winter Graves Repaired	21	15	36
Cement Crypts Used	20	12	32
Cement Vaults Used	36	16	52

Lots Sold:

6 Grave	1	1	2
5 Grave	3	0	3
4 Grave	0	12	12
3 Grave	0	1	1
2 Grave	1	8	9
Single Graves	7	4	11
Baby Graves	3	0	3

Ten old lots in Laurel Hill were placed under perpetual care and the perpetual care on one lot was increased to provide for flowers on Memorial Day.

Many times during the year the planned functions of this Department were interrupted and the man hours increased as a result of inadequate motor equipment. This equipment consists of two 1½ ton trucks, one a 1929 Model A Ford and the other a 1936 Dodge. Repair bills on the Dodge in the past two years alone have equalled more than two-thirds its initial cost. It is not considered economically feasible to operate under these conditions and the purchase of a new truck is recommended.

As there now remains only six single graves in Laurel Hill for sale, all future purchase of lots must be made from those now developed in Forest Glen. It is recommended that a sum of $1,000.00 be allocated for further study, construction and layout of certain undeveloped sections of Forest Glen Cemetery.

At this time I wish to express my appreciation to all employees of the Cemetery Department for their co-operation.

The financial statement will appear in the report of the Town Accountant.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. DAVIS

Superintendent

REPORT OF CUSTODIAN OF SOLDIERS' and SAILORS' GRAVES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Town of Reading:

I respectfully submit my annual report as Custodian of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves for the Town of Reading for the year ending December 31, 1946.

Nine Veterans' graves and one lot were repaired in Laurel Hill Cemetery and one grave in Forest Glen Cemetery, and the Veterans' Plots in Laurel Hill and Forest Glen Cemeteries were taken care of during 1946, besides the usual care of all Veterans' graves:

Appropriation		$ 800.00
Pay Roll	$ 564.20	
Care Veterans' Plot Laurel Hill Cemetery	33.30	
Care of Veterans' Plot Forest Glen Cemetery	150.00	
	$ 800.00	

The following Veterans have passed on during 1946:

Spanish American War

William A. Haley—Lot 396, Forest Glen Cemetery, died April 24, 1946, buried April 27, 1946.

World War I

Patrick J. Long, Grave No. 1, Veteran's Plot, Forest Glen Cemetery, died Feb. 22, 1946, buried Feb. 26, 1946.

John A. Gowing, Lot No. 149, Laurel Hill Cemetery, died Jan. 17, 1946, buried May 5, 1946.

World War II (Omitted in 1945)

Norman Florence, Lot No. 1, Forest Glen Cemetery, died Sept. 15, 1945, buried Sept. 18, 1945.

Respectfully submitted,
HARRY A. TURNER
Custodian Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves
Town of Reading

REPORT OF VETERANS' BENEFIT AGENT

February 10, 1947

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Town of Reading, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit my annual report as your agent of Veterans' Benefits

Our case load has been comparatively light as to financial assistance. We have aided 43 cases, with a total of 92 persons. Employment has been good and the Re-adjustment Allowances of the U .S. Government have helped to keep our load down.

December 31st terminated Soldiers' Relief, State and Military Aid; being replaced by a new Chapter 115, of the General Laws, and combining all three former classes into one class called "Veterans' Benefits."

Our office has also cared for Veterans' Services of all kinds. An Advisory Committee consisting of: Irving C. Austin, H. Wilson Powers, W. Gardner Long, Frank D. Tanner, George B. Pease, Ralph G. Bab-

cock, Gerrit Oldenbrook, Jr., DeMelle G. Garey, J. Henry Carleton and William A. Sorenson, were appointed by the Selectmen to assist in matters of Rehabilitation. Except for individual instances, we have not found it necessary to make any demands on our Advisory Committee. We feel however, it is a well informed group of citizens, capable of assisting in the purpose they were selected, and we hope they will continue to be available, when the occasion demands.

During the year ending December 31, 1946, the office of Veterans' Service has issued over 2600 Photo copies of discharges of veterans of World War II, we have issued over 400 copies of Nav. papers 553, all without cost to the veteran.

We have notorized and assisted over 300 who have applied for Terminal Leave Pay.

We have issued over 500 applications for the State Bonus and most of the applicants we have assisted in making out the forms. We have notorized 66 other required forms for veterans applying for benefits under the G. I. Bill of Rights, etc. We have had occasion to assist in placing many returned veterans both in employment and in Training-On-The Job.

Our Contact with Mr. Edwin Hall, the representative of the Veterans' Administration in Reading Tuesdays and Thursdays, has been very pleasant and helpful. We have referred many hundreds of cases which we believe was to the advantage of the veteran.

Altogether we consider our year's work very successful.

Yours respectfully,
CHARLES W. H. SMITH
Agent

REPORT OF THE WELFARE BOARD

We have been requested by the Selectmen's Office to hand in our report of 1946 activities in order that the same may be printed in the forthcoming Town Report. In accordance with our oft expressed opinion that the citizens are more interested in economy than in a lot of dry reading, we simply append hereto the very clear and concise report made to this Board by our Welfare Agent. If after reading his report any citizen desires further enlightment as to the work of the Department, the Board will be pleased to arrange a personal interview and furnish such information as can properly be divulged without violating the privacy to which all recipients are entitled.

JOSEPH D. KNIGHT, Chairman
CLARENCE J. STALLIDAY, Secretary
MILES C. HIGGINS

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Public Welfare

REPORT OF WELFARE AGENT

To the Board of Public Welfare:

I submit the following report as Welfare Agent and Director of Old Age Assistance for the year 1946:

Our over-all case load for the past year has not shown any great variation in numbers from that of the two previous years. For the record, we have assisted 46 General Aid Cases, involving 96 persons; 19 cases of Aid to Dependent Children, affecting 64 persons; and 274 cases of Old Age Assistance.

Expenditures, however, have followed the universal trend upward because of the increased cost of every item of subsistence. Rents, having been under rather rigid control, have increased only 4.8% since 1941, but over this same five-year period food has increased in cost over 100%, clothing 55.7%, fuel 28%, and sundry other items taken together as "necessaries of life" by the Massachusetts Department of Labor and Industries, have risen 20%. The same bureau that issues these figures, the Division on the Necessaries of Life, also states that 5 points may be added to the over-all increase from January 1, 1941, to date, to cover changes in quality, availability of goods, etc., as arrived at by the President's Committee on Cost of Living.

Under mandatory laws this department budgets the need of its recipients in accordance with figures issued from time to time by the State Department of Public Welfare. Twice during 1946 certain items in these schedules, notably food, fuel, and clothing, have been substantially increased, once in May and again in September. This means that in addition to the constant process of routine review it became necessary twice to make special reviews in every case where Old Age Assistance or Aid to Dependent Children was involved. In these reviews, as the Board will well recall, action on each case is taken by the Board, so that our formal records will show compliance with the legal requirements as to assistance allotments in such form as may be checked on our assistance pay rolls, both as to correct amount and effective date, by the state and federal auditors in due course.

The annual reimbursement to the town, through federal grants to our own departmental accounts and through payments received from the state and from other cities and towns, amounts in round figures to $130,000.00. To assure this income we must present a program of administration and a regularity of report which is strictly in accordance with state department regulations.

Your administrative staff has given its best effort to accomplish this and we venture to say that financial loss to the town because of misadministration has been practically nil. We have been aided in this by full co-operation on the part of the Board and the general attitude

of the Board toward maintaining a high morale within the staff. Other town departments and officials have been helpful whenever possible and the Town Counsel has responded in all cases where his assistance seemed indicated, several times to the financial benefit of the town.

We are glad to report that our relations with state and federal representatives and departments have continued on a mutually helpful basis, and that our business with other cities and towns, mainly in the somewhat complex matter of settlement and reimbursement, has been conducted on a friendly understanding for the the common benefit. Our outstanding claims against other municipalities have reached the lowest figure within my memory, standing as of this writing at less than $200.00 with immediate prospect of payment in full of the few outstanding items.

Detailed figures of expenditures for General Aid, Aid to Dependent Children and Old Age Assistance, as well as the classification for administrative expense, have been furnished to the Town Accountant and will appear as usual as a part of his report.

Because of the interest shown in the brief statements as to actual local real estate tax costs for relief, which have appeared in these reports in several recent years, a condensed schedule is appended giving similar statistics for the year 1946—round figures:

Total expenditure for all forms of relief coming under the jurisdiction of the Public Welfare Department, including the entire cost of administration and building maintenance	$179,800.00
Total received through federal grants, state payments, payments from other cities and towns, and from individuals, and from collections and recoveries from estates	132,800.00
Net cost from local tax levy	$ 47,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD E. HARNDEN,

Welfare Agent and Director of Old Age Assistance

REPORT OF MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,

Gentlemen:

I submit my report as Moth Superintendent for the year 1946.

The spray work on private property has more than doubled in the past six years. This increase in private spraying as well as the spraying of the street trees has kept the Gypsy Moth and Elm Leaf Beetle at a minimum in the residential sections.

Several sections of woodland in the northern part of the town are badly infested with Gypsy Moths. Some of the woodland north of Franklin Street, adjacent to Dividence Road was completely defoliaged. There is also a very bad infestation in the woodland across Franklin Street southeast of this area.

The best method of control for Gypsy Moth is spraying. The spraying season lasts about eight weeks. With our present equipment, after we do the spraying on private property and the roadside work, there is not much time for the woodland spraying.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen and all others who have assisted me in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

MAURICE H. DONEGAN,

Moth Superintendent

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Reading:

There were one hundred ninety-six cases of contagious diseases reported during the year 1946.

Chicken Pox	26
Dog Bite	47
Malaria	1
Measles	84
Scarlet Fever	25
Spinal Meningitis	1
Tuberculosis	3
Whooping Cough	9

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. HALLIGAN, M. D.

C. R. BAISLEY, M. D.

C. F. ATKINSON

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

To the Citizens of Reading,

I submit my report for the year 1946.

The department did the usual amount of dormant spraying for the control of scale and pear psylla.

During the past year several elms have been discovered infected with the Dutch Elm Disease in and around Quincy. As far as is known the elm bark beetle is the principal carrier of this disease. These beetles infest dead or dying elm wood laying thir eggs under the bark. When these eggs hatch, if the wood is infected with the disease, the young beetles carry it to the surrounding elms. The best protection so far discovered against this disease is to keep the elms as healthy as possible, by the removal of all dead or dying branches, as well as a thorough spray program. All elm wood not stored under cover should have the bark removed immediately after cutting or be destroyed.

It was necessary to remove twenty-five dangerous or dead trees from the roadside. The severe storm of June eighth blew down five trees and badly damaged a great many more, several of these had to be removed.

Seventy-eight trees were planted on the roadside. The price of these trees has increased from two dollars to five dollars each at the nurseries. For the first time in many years, several of these newly planted trees have been deliberately broken off.

The men worked eighteen weeks during the past year on line clearance for the Electric Light Department. The entire expense of this work is paid by the Electric Light Department. While this work is principally for line clearance, it is a very substantial help to this department in the removal of dead and weakened branches.

Due to the increase in the amount of time necessary on the roadside trees, we are unable to keep up with all the requests for work on private property.

I take this opportunity to thank the employees of this department, the Board of Public Works, the Police and Fire Departments, the Electric Light Department and all others who have assisted me in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

MAURICE H. DONEGAN,

Tree Warden

REPORT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit building report for the year 1946.

The restrictions on building have eased off considerably, therefore one may feel more free to plan his future building activities without fear of being clamped down on by government inspectors.

This I believe is very evident by the following report:

Since my report of last year, more responsibilities have been added to the local building inspectors by new State regulations.

Reading is one of very few that have a part time Building Inspector and the amount of work that is required to fulfill the job as it should be needs more inspection. The Board should consider very seriously appointing a full time inspector.

However, here are the results of permits as issued with the estimated cost of same as stated by the applicants. My estimate would be at least 20% more than that of the applicants.

102 New Dwellings	597,620.00
35 Alterations and additions to all types of Buildings	65,917.00
2 Public Garages	32,000.00
20 Private Garages	18,100.00
5 Hen Houses	2,050.00
2 Miscellaneous buildings	3,350.00
Total estimated cost of all buildings	719,036.00

Th sum of six hundred twenty-one ($621.00) dollars was received by me in fees for the above building permits.

There have been many cases of complaints for violation of the Zoning By-laws which have been investigated and have been enforced. This alone takes a considerable amount of the Building Inspector's time, aside from the inspection of buildings and then again the question arises —why not a full time inspector.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. SIDEBOTTOM

Building Inspector

FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

for the year ended

December 31, 1946

IN MEMORIAM

ARTHUR G. SIAS

MANAGER

1909 — 1946

On April 14, 1946 the Town was saddened when Mr. Arthur G. Sias, Manager of the Municipal Light Department for over a third of a century, passed away. Mr. Sias will be remembered for having successfully guided the development of the plant from the early pioneering phase of the electric utility field through the intervening years to its present comparatively vast and complex status.

Through his promotional efforts in load building and merchandising, he attracted international attention.

The Department notes his passing with sadness.

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

Henry R. Johnson, Chairman	Resigned Dec. 28, 1946
Herbert G. Evans, Chairman	Term-expires 1948
Louis Ellenwood, Secretary	Term-expires 1949
Joseph H. Reed	Appointed to fill vacancy

Manager

Clarence L. Thomas

Office

25 Haven Street, Reading, Mass.

MANAGER'S REPORT

To the Municipal Light Board:

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of the operation of the Municipal Light Plant for the year ending December 31, 1946.

My first annual report is regarded as an opportunity to tell customers and others who are interested about matters of particular concern in this department.

The volume output of the plant was seven times the average annual increase during the past 20 years or so and nearly double the previous greatest annual increase established from 1928 to 1929.

We purchased 16,938,312 kilowatt hours, an increase of 15 percent over the previous year at an average cost of 1.285 per unit, as compared to 1.2196 in 1945. The increase is largely due to higher fuel charges reflecting recent increases in coal prices.

The greatest load on our system was 5,200 kilowatts which was indicated between 5:30 and 6:00 P.M. on the 24th, and again on the 26th, 27th, and 31st days of December. This was 275 kilowatts higher than the maximum load in 1945.

The relation between the output of current for the year and the maximum or peak load for the year has been more favorable than in previous years. This relation has an important effect on the cost of current.

Distribution losses for the year were 8.3 percent of purchased current which means that 1,404,034 kilowatt hours were used in the distribution system between the Edison high tension switch to the cus-

tomer switches. This loss is nearly the lowest on record and is hardly greater than used in 1929 to deliver about one third of last year's output.

Revenues from all sources were $510,085.18 as compared with $437,755.12 in 1945, an increase of $72,330.06. Included in the stated total revenue is the $15,175.98 net income derived from the sale of appliances and jobbing.

A breakdown of revenue and current sold to each class of service may be of interest and is briefly summarized as follows:

Kilowatt Hours Sold and Income from Each Class of Service

	No. of Customers	Kilowatt Hours Sold	Income
Residential	6,816	9,797,386	$353,492.26
Com. Service	587	2,322,043	70,790.25
Power — Wholesale	12	1,800,370	26,785.43
Municipal Service	41	207,267	3,822.79
Municipal Service — Wholesale	5	416,300	7,411.68
To other Utilities for resale	24	38,643	1,188.40
Private Street Lights	18	3,052	169.96
Public Street Lights	2,164	863,256	30,542.71
TOTAL	9,667	15,448,317	$494,203.47

Another frequently quoted yardstick of electric utility operations is the average residential customer's use of electricity. In 1946 this average was 1,458 kilowatt hours, an increase of 131 kilowatt hours over the previous year.

Operating expenses including taxes, interest, and other expenses were $415,116.11 leaving a credit balance to profit and loss of $94,969.07 before payment of bonds and notes.

Bonds and notes amounting to $18,000 were retired and $50,000 was transferred to the Town's general funds as in 1945. The total thus transferred now amounts to $412,800.00.

The Profit and Loss credit balance is $256,284.46 an increase of $34,869.07 for the year.

Operating cash received totalled $613,471.11 and expendtiures for operating accounts, fixed charges, depreciation, and other charges amounted to $620,888.12 leaving a cash balance of $58,980.80.

Deduction from the latter figure of $50,000 transferred to the Town's general funds left a cash balance of $8,980.80 which has been transferred to the Construction Fund for extension and additions.

Three percent depreciation on the total plant cost as of the end of the year amounted to $39,078.80 and has been transferred to the Depreciation Fund in accordance with the statutory requirements.

Current assets at the end of the year exceeded current liabilities by $254,103.16.

Additions to the plant last year cost $62,376.61. Of this amount $8,555.77 was paid out of the Construction Fund and the remainder taken out of the Depreciation Fund.

Power Station

The present power transformers have been taken off the concrete mat and temporarily reconnected. This was necessary to provide room for the two new 7500 KW transformers which are due to arrive in a few months.

The five old boilers at the plant have been sold, and a new H. B. Smith boiler has been installed to heat the station and garage.

We have installed a York oil burner in the new boiler, burning No. 5 fuel oil, supplied from a new 5,000 gallon oil tank located outside the north wall of the boiler room.

The brickwork that enclosed the boilers has been demolished and a concrete floor has been laid in part of the boiler room.

The 600 KW General Electric turbine has been sold to Brew-Waltman Co. of New York and the 500 KW General Electric turbine sold to the Otsego Falls Paper Co., Inc., Otsego, Michigan. Both machines have been removed.

The sale of the station equipment is in accordance with the vote of the Town at the 1946 Town Meeting.

The boiler plant and generating equipment with a capacity of supplying less than one third of our current requirements has been disposed of at a most favorable time in several respects.

Present scarcities of plant apparatus has enabled us to obtain a considerably higher sales price than was possible in previous years or than might be expected in the future.

Much floor space has thus become available which will accommodate the additional operating facilities that our growth will require in the near future.

The capital charges which have been eliminated offsets the slight difference in the cost of purchased current that may exist between the Boston Edison N rate and D rate.

The change from the former to the latter became effective at the beginning of the service year last May.

Distribution

The role that electricity has occupied in recent years is one of increasing importance. Greater reliance is placed on continuity of electric supply as the number of vital tasks performed by current multiplies. At the same time it must be acknowledged by all that the distribution of electric energy, particularly overhead systems, still have to contend with factors beyond their control.

However, to provide the best service possible to present and future customers, it becomes our main concern that more and more of the

efforts and resources of the department be concentrated in rendering the best possible service to its customers and at the lowest cost. The huge post-war demand for electricity has appeared in the face of rapidly mounting costs.

The record-breaking demand for electricity which started last summer over the entire country has confronted utilities with unusual operating difficulties inasmuch as the load was imposed on systems before they were able to get the equipment needed to handle this demand. Instances are known where in some cities it was necessary to notify customers that electricity was not available for certain purposes. It is also known that some utilities served customers without meters because of shortages.

The general situation was noted lately in an issue of the "Electrical World" in which Mr. Adam Althouse, assistant president of the Metropolitan Edison Co. of New York stated that "the mettle of distribution engineers is being tested as not even in the war due to material shortages".

Considerable tree trimming work to obtain line clearances was supervised by the tree wardens in Reading, North Reading, and Wilmington and will be continued throughout the coming year in Reading. Trees are responsible for a greater number of outages.

The serious disruption of service caused by the hurricane on June 8th of last year was entirely the result of damage inflicted by the effects of wind on trees. The cost to repair damage amounted to $1,874.17. That storm caused interruption of service on practically all overhead lines that lasted from eight to twenty-four hours. Some of the feeders were repaired so as to restore service to many customers before dawn, and within 24 hours electricity became available to all except in a few scattered spots.

The assistance rendered to clear the storm damage by the Tree Warden's, Highway, Police, and Fire Departments in all four towns is highly appreciated as well as the consideration shown by our customers of the great task our Department had on its hands.

Among the additions to the distribution system were 142 poles, 248,797 feet of wire, and 33 transformers. Of 281 poles renewed, 56 were replaced by the telephone company.

We installed 250 new services.

The number of customers on December 31st was 7,485 thus showing an increase of 336 customers for the year.

A surprising development occurred last June when permission was obtained from the Town of Wakefield to run a power line along Bay State Road to Lynnfield Center which reduces the length of our present feeder through North Reading to the town's electrical center to one half of its distance. The new line will consist of No. 00 copper and should be in operation early this year.

The operating gains resulting from this change are too obvious to warrant detailed comment but it will be mentioned that over $1,200.00 will be saved annually through its reduction in line losses, improved voltage regulation, losses due to outages, fixed and operating costs.

Present loadings require the extension of larger conductors this year on the Wilmington and North Reading feeders.

Copper purchased last May for the present long route to Lynnfield soon to be abandoned can provide all the wire needed for this work.

It is planned to make circuit changes which will result in a more complete utilization of present circuit capacities.

Substantial additions of distribution transformers will be required for existing customers as well as for expected extensions.

Street Lighting

Additional street lights were installed as follows: Reading 5, Wilmington 10, North Reading 6, Lynnfield 9.

The 600 candle-power lamps throughout the square have been changed to 1000 candle-power.

The total number of street lights installed as of December 31 were 2,161.

The kilowatt hours sent out on the Reading street light circuits were 564,803, and the appropriation from the tax levy for street lighting was $15,000.00.

Meter Department

We purchased 210 new meters and retired 28 old type meters, including several which were damaged beyond repair. The jewel and pivot bearings of meters tested were replaced when found necessary.

The number of outdoor meters installed were 211 bringing the total number to 4,039 as of December 31, 1946.

The mutual advantages of outdoor meters have become so commonly recognized that the Department has for some time been receiving requests to have indoor meters relocated outdoors.

We regret that the scarcity of meter enclosures will delay the resumption of meeting these requests.

Following is the record of tests and repairs:

Request tests	149
Periodic tests	484
Laboratory tests	636
Miscellaneous tests	922
Repairs	93

Automotive Equipment

The 1936 Ford line truck has been replaced by a new 2½-ton Mack truck.

A new line construction body with a crew compartment was also purchased for this new truck.

The 1936 Chevrolet and 1939 Plymouth Coupes should be replaced as soon as new cars become available.

The 1937 Chevrolet line truck also should be replaced as this truck is equipped with a stake body which is not suitable for line construction work.

Summary of Automobile Expense

Miles Travelled	134,364
Gasoline — 12,480 gals.	$ 1,577.43
Oil — 475 qts.	88.25
Anti-Freeze — 96 qts.	42.24
Material	1,376.32
Labor	2,845.65
Insurance	742.18
Depreciation	400.18
Total Expense	$ 7,072.25
Average Cost per mile	5.263

Appliance Department

The Sales Department has just concluded a year of sales effort which from a standpoint of revenue was very encouraging. The ratio of sales made in relation to the demand for appliances, especially ranges, was small due to the inability of manufacturers to produce ranges in any sizable quantity during 1946.

The sale of appliances and jobbing showed a net profit of $15,175.98.

Gross sales were $99,661.05 which was 450% over 1945.

Incandescent lamps were sold in the amount of $2,622.48, miscellaneous sales of $1,817.03 were made, and repairs were made to customers' appliances for which $5,304.10 was charged. These figures are included in the total gross sales.

The estimated number of kilowatt hours used annually by the appliances sold in 1946 is 708,519, and the amount of increased annual estimated revenue from the sales of these kilowatt hours at 3.5 cents is $24,798.19.

Major appliances sold were installed in customers' premises during the year at a cost of $6,259.55. 131 water heaters were sold and installed which accounted for 458,500 kilowatt hours of the total of 708,519 kilowatt hours.

Promotional methods presently used by utilities vary considerably, from simple advertising as one extreme to the other of substantial subsidization such as free range and water heater installations, whether or not purchased from the utility's store.

This Department pursues a middle-of-the-road policy although it recognizes that in time if circumstances change it may become advisable to revise present practices.

In closing I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the advice and support of the members of the Municipal Light Board and for the loyal cooperation of the employees all of which has made possible the successful operation of the plant and the excellent service rendered to the customers which we serve.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 57, Chapter 164 of the General Laws, I submit herewith my estimate of the income and expenses of the plant for the year ending December 31, 1946.

ESTIMATE FOR YEAR 1947

INCOME

From Private Consumers	$510,041.62
From Tax Levy	
From Street Light	16,000.00
For Municipal Buildings	5,711.88
From Miscellaneous Income	7,640.00
(Wages included in cost of Mdse. Sales & Service—$10,045.16)	
TOTAL INCOME	$539,393.50

EXPENSES

	Wages	Mat. & Exp.	Total
Production	$ 987.39	$239,414.15	$240,401.54
Distribution	68,531.16	19,068.84	87,600.00
Utilization	9,003.02	6,896.98	15,900.00
Commercial	19,379.44	6,670.56	26,050.00
New Business	—	150.00	150.00
General & Miscellaneous	29,058.24	11,650.86	40,709.10
Depreciation	—	37,086.25	37,086.25
Bond & Note Payments	—	16,000.00	16,000.00
Interest on Bond & Notes	—	877.50	877.50
Uncollectible Operating Revenues	—	1,500.00	1,500.00
Mdse. & Job. Exp.	—	—	Misc. Inc.
Taxes—Outside Towns	—	7,500.00	7,500.00
Interest on Consumers Deposits	—	550.00	550.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	126,959.25	$347,365.14	$474,324.39
Excess—Income over Expenses			65,069.11

KWH Purchased	186,440.57
KWH Sold	169,660.92
KWH for Reading Street Lights	5,700.00
Enpenses for KWH Sold	.0279
Cost of Street Lights	$ 15,935.49
Appropriation for Street Lights	$ 16,000.00

A summary of cash receipts and expenditures, statement of the various funds, total cost and book value of the plant, together with statistics pertaining to the plant, a list of bills remaining unpaid at the end of the year, and the auditor's certificate is appended herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE L. THOMAS, Manager

CHARLES E. STANWOOD & COMPANY

Accountant and Auditors
150 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts

150 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts
February 3, 1947

To the Municipal Light Board
Town of Reading
Massachusetts

We have examined the accompanying balance sheet of the Municipal Light Department of the Town of Reading, Massachusetts, as at December 31, 1946 and related statements of income and profit and loss for the year then ended, and reviewed the system of internal control and accounting procedures and, without making a detailed audit of the transactions, have examined or tested accounting records of the Department and other supporting evidence, by methods and to the extent we deemed appropriate.

In our opinion said financial statements present fairly the position of the Municipal Light Department as at December 31, 1946 and the results of their operations for the year then ended, in conformity with the "Uniform System of Accounts for Municipal Lighting Plants" as prescribed by the Department of Public Utilities of Massachusetts.

(Signed) CHARLES E. STANWOOD & COMPANY

REPORT OF MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

The report of the Manager as submitted by him together with the certificate of the auditor is hereby approved by the Municipal Light Board and constitutes its report to the Town.

HERBERT G. EVANS
LOUIS ELLENWOOD
JOSEPH H. REED
Municipal Light Board

TOTAL COST OF PLANT

as of December 31, 1946

Cost of Land—Ash Street	$ 2,575.80
25 Haven Street	7,459.46
Cost of Structures—Ash Street	66,132.59
25 Haven Street	28,093.90
Generator Plant—Steam:	
Cost of Boiler Plant Equipment	—
Cost of Prime Movers & Auxiliaries	14,619.24
Cost of Turbo Generator Units	—
Cost of Electric Plant—Steam	—
Transmission, Distribution and Storage:	
Cost of Trans. Sta. and Substa. Equip.	124,511.97
Cost of Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Cond.	547,700.93
Cost of Underground Conduits	112,266.33
Cost of Underground Conductors	110,873.95
Cost of Consumers' Meters	78,687.66
Cost of Meter Installations	26,703.60
Cost of Line Transformers	64,878.98
Cost of Line Transformer Installations	6,278.56
Utilization Equipment:	
Cost of Street Lighting Equip.	55,460.69
TOTAL COST OF ELECTRIC PLANT	$1,246,243.66

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

as of December 31, 1946

FIXED ASSETS:	
Land	$ 10,035.26
Structures	67,097.09
Plant Equipment	—
Trans. Sta. & Substa. Equip.	47,718.32
Poles, Fixtures, and Overhead Cond.	238,839.45
Underground Conduit	87,879.19
Underground Conductors	78,061.05
Consumers' Meters and Installations	46,964.47
Line Transformers and Installations	37,553.76
Street Lighting Equipment	12,862.49
General Equipment	21,676.78
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	$648,687.86
UNFINISHED CONSTRUCTION	4,998.22

CURRENT ASSETS:	
Construction Fund	17,880.80
Const. Fund—Spec. Underground	1,431.59
Depreciation Fund	127,016.24
Consumers' Deposit Fund	19,573.00
Petty Cash	300.00
Accounts Receivable	50,703.76
Materials and Supplies Inventories	93,036.86
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	$309,942.25
PREPAID INSURANCE	687.02
TOTALS	$964,315.35
LIABILITIES:	
Notes Payable	$ 43,000.00
Bonds Payable	10,000.00
Accounts Payable	36,266.09
Consumers' Deposits	19,573.00
Town Treas.—Petty Cash Fund	300.00
Interest Accrued	313.54
Loans Repayments	598,578.26
TOTAL LIABILITIES	$708,030.89
PROFIT AND LOSS:	
Balance December 31, 1946	256,284.46
TOTALS	$964,315.35

Note: A contingent liability in the amount of $7,368.82 existed at December 31, 1946 on account of leases received from installment sales of electrical appliances and which were discounted with the Middlesex County National Bank of Reading.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

as of December 31, 1946

BALANCE:	
December 31, 1945	$221,415.39
Income Balance from Operating Account	94,969.07
Sale of Equipment—Electric Plant Steam	7,900.00
TOTAL CREDITS	$324,284.46
Bonds and Notes Paid	18,000.00
Transferred to General Funds of the Town	50,000.00
TOTAL DEBITS	$ 68,000.00
BALANCE:	
December 31, 1946	$256,284.46

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

for the year ending December 31, 1946

REVENUES:	
Residence Service	$353,492.26
Commercial Service	70,790.25
Commercial Power—Wholesale	26,785.43
Municipal Service	11,234.47
Sales to Private Companies & Municipal Plts.	1,188.40
Street Lighting Service	30,712.67
Miscellaneous Income	15,881.70
TOTAL REVENUES	$510,085.18
EXPENSES:	
Production Expenses	$213,663.58
Distribution Expenses	86,393.09
Utilization Expenses	12,627.08
Commercial Expenses	23,583.98
New Business Expenses	114.53
General Expenses	28,133.85
Depreciation	39,078.80
Interest on Bonds & Notes	930.21
Taxes	6,911.44
Uncollectible Operating Revenues	871.01
Interest on Consumers' Deposits	598.54
Retirement Pensions	2,210.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	$415,116.11
Excess of Revenues over Expenses	$ 94,969.07
Bonds and Notes Paid	18,000.00
Transfer to Town Treasurer	50,000.00
NET REVENUES:	
To Profit and Loss	$ 26,969.07

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

December 31, 1946

Boston & Maine Railroad	$ 3.20
Harry Upson Camp	11.70
Dyer-Clark Co.	**57.96**
L. Ellenwood	21.00
Francis Bros. Inc.	104.40
Fuelite Natural Gas Corp.	8.05
Frank A. Gallagher	91.98
Gallants Electric Motor Service	4.50
Grainger-Rush Co.	667.17
Graybar Electric Co.	183.29

Hodson Bros.	7.50
Liberty Mutual Insurance Company	296.21
Town Clerk, Lynnfield, Higgins	12.40
Malden Motor Parts Co.	.70
Milhender Distributors	562.83
N. E. Appliance & Radio News Inc.	3.00
Jack O'Brien	1.00
Railway Express Agency	.40
W. W. Welch	19.06
Edwin L. Wiegand	2.89
MacMillan Ring Free Oil Co.	4.00
The Electric Storage Battery Co.	34.42
Burroughs Adding Machine Co.	3.00
Henry Blethen	18.97
Classens Garage	1.00
Colonial Auto Exchange	6.00
Dockham's Express	15.75
Electromaster, Inc.	19.70
H. P. Hood & Sons	16.80
H. W. Hunt Co.	1.39
Joe's Service Station	.75
Kennedy Plumbing & Heating Corp.	7.07
North Shore Welding Service	7.46
Reading Sq. Market	9.70
Sargent's Express	2.20
Wanamaker & Feindel	30.15
Brooks' Express	19.00
John A. Akeson	2.89
G. H. Atkinson Co.	9.75
Boston Edison Co.	21,330.01
Industrial Electronics, Inc.	78.99
Wendell Bancroft & Co.	.85
Blackstone Corp.	4.69
Davis Transformer Co.	61.00
The Dayton Pump & Mfg. Co.	7.61
The Eastern Co.	2,135.92
Electric Institute of Boston, Inc.	20.00
Frigidaire Sales Corp.	24.82
Frost Insecticide Co.	18.00
G. E. Appliances Inc.	1,891.48
G. E. Supply Corp.	1,799.91
G. E. Co., 140 Federal St.	50.15
Koppers, Inc.	1,344.70
Laing Chevrolet Co.	27.01
Landers, Frary & Clark	50.34

Edward Lappin	179.07	
Lincoln Oil Co.	166.65	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	351.13	
Palmer Severini Co.	6.50	
"Power Plant Engr."	4.00	
Reading Automotive Supply Co.	76.88	
Sager Electrical Supply Co.	48.83	
Fred F. Smith, Inc.	27.60	
M. D. Stetson Co.	9.80	
Wahn Distributors	73.80	
George H. Wahn Co.	251.47	
Wetmore-Savage Div.	1,624.53	
W. B. Feindel	19.40	
Merchants Tire Co.	113.77	
L. E. Muran Co.	70.00	
Town Clerk, North Reading, Sullivan	3.00	
Northeastern Distributors	115.24	
Pennsylvania Oil Co.	401.91	
Western Union Telegraph Co.	1.31	
Westinghouse Electric Corp.	86.66	
J. Brinton Bailey	375.45	
George H. Buckminster Co.	177.22	
Commercial Motor Service Co.	10.00	
Easy Washing Machine Corp.	215.74	
Johnnie's Service Station	37.72	
North Shore Tire Grading Co.	25.00	
J. M. Richards Co.	39.90	
Spaulding-Moss Co.	9.44	
Nichols Ice & Fuel Co.	5.20	
North Woburn Machine Co.	25.18	
Clapp & Leach, Inc.	261.72	
M. F. Charles & Sons	1.25	
Reading Chronicle	55.00	
Royal Typewriter Co.	3.97	
B. F. Waldron Co., Inc.	8.63	
Westinghouse Electric Supply Co.	384.70	
Chapin Oil Co.	82.46	
TOTAL		$ 36,266.09

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

To the Board of Health

Gentlemen:

The annual report of the Plumbing Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1946 is as follows:

Number of permits issued		116
Number of fixtures installed		471
Electric storage heaters	1	
Domestic gas storage heaters	10	
Domestic hot water tanks 30 Gal.	15	
Tankless heaters	16	
Electric washing machines	1	
Soda fountains	1	
Frozen food chests	2	
Combination sink and dishwasher	2	
Dental chair cuspidors	1	
Shower stalls	10	
Water closets	96	
Lavatories	93	
Bath tubs	64	
Flat rim sinks	44	
Sink and tray combinations	23	
Cabinet sinks	7	
Laundry trays	19	
Slop sinks	1	
Garbage grinders	1	
Floor drains	4	
Gasoline catch basins	2	
Sewer connections	14	
Cesspool connections	44	

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH G. SHAW

Inspector of Plumbing

Annual Report

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

Town of Reading, Massachusetts

For the Year Ended December 31

1946

IN MEMORIAM

DOROTHY A. ALLARD

TEACHER

September 1927 — June 1946

PRINCIPAL

September 1946 — October 20, 1946

MATILDA J. GAMBLE

TEACHER

September 1920 — October 19, 1946

The high quality of service rendered by these two members of our staff has been an inspiration to all of us and to the many pupils who were fortunate enough to have them as teachers

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

School Committee

Mrs. Gladys F. Milton, 280 Summer Avenue	Term expires 1949
Mr. Alexander P. Glover, 158 Prescott Street	Term expires 1949
Mrs. Mary E. Earley, 18 Whittier Road	Term expires 1948
Dr. Merle W. Wescott, 16 Sanborn Street	Term expires 1948
Mr. J. Warren Killam, Jr., Chairman, 340 Summer Ave.	Term expires 1947
Mr. Gould B. Ruggles, 224 High Street	Term expires 1947

School Committee Office

Grouard House, 25 School Street — Rea. 0180; 0059

Open Daily

Monday through Friday	8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
During School Vacations	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Superintendent of Schools

Elbridge C. Grover, 6 Pine Ridge Road — Office: Rea. 0180; 0059
Residence: 0479

Secretary to the Superintendent

Mae A. Tanner, 58 Prescott Street — Office: Rea. 0180; 0059
Residence: Rea. 0050

Clerks in School Committee Office

Helen P. Ingalls, 432 Haverhill St., School Committee Clerk
Office: Rea. 0180; 0059
Residence: Rea. 0243

Alice Arsenault, 9 Longwood Road, Clerk-Secretary
Office: Rea. 0180; 0059
Residence: Rea. 1662-M

Visiting Teacher

Jean F. Ramsay, 385 Summer Avenue — Office: Rea. 1475
Residence: Rea. 0084

Attendance Officer

Warburton J. Murray, 81 Vine Street — Office: Rea. 1475
Residence: Rea. 1312-W

School Physician

Dr. Thomas F. Halpin, 26 Linden Street — Residence: Rea. 0086

School Nurse

Margaret B. Clewley, 131 Pleasant St., Woburn — Office: Rea. 1475
Residence: Wob. 0316

NO SCHOOL SIGNALS

Radio announcement when possible over WNAC, WEEI, WBZ, and WLAW between 7:00 and 7:45 a.m.

Fire alarm 2-2 repeated three times. Street lights turned on for five minutes at the following times:

7:15 a.m. for Senior High School
7:30 a.m. for Junior High School
7:45 a.m. for Grades 1-6 inclusive

Since the Elementary Schools have two sessions, the afternoon session may be discontinued due to inclement weather. When afternoon sessions are discontinued, announcement will be made over the radio, fire alarm, street light system, as well as in the individual schools on or before 11:30 a.m.

High School sessions will be called off only in cases of extremely severe weather or other emergencies. None of the schools will be closed except in severe weather, but it is hoped that parents will at all times use discretion as to whether their children should attend, even when the schools are in session.

SCHOOL CLINICS

Dental—Tuesday, at Grouard House, 9:00 to 1:00.
Tuberculosis Prevention—annually by announcement.
Diphtheria Prevention—annual by announcement.
Diphtheria Prevention—annually by announcement.
*Registration of children entering school in September is held the previous March—time announced in local paper.

SCHOOL SECRETARIES AND CLERKS

High School:
Myrtle W. Tilton, 99 Prescott Street ..... Rea. 0295-W
Jean Underhill, 49 Pratt Street ..... Rea. 1469-M

Junior High School:
Alice Larrabee, 1140 Main Street ..... Rea. 1388

Highland School:
Sylvia Batchelder, 617 Pearl Street ..... Rea. 1546-J

Pearl Street School:
Dorothy A. Walsh, Park St., N. Reading ..... N.R. 195

SCHOOL JANITORS

High School:
John Maguire, 61 Vine Street ..... Rea. 0281-J
Percy Curtis, 40 Pleasant St., Wakefield ..... Cry. 1188-W
Mary White, 20 Pleasant Street .....

Junior High School:
Fred Riessle, 10 King Street ..... Rea. 1617-M
William R. Yorks, 16 Track Road ..... Rea. 1087-R
Andrew J. Lomax, 159 Lowell Street .....
Agnes Hurley, 23 King Street .....
Highland School and Grouard House:
William J. Broussard, 131 Salem Street ..... Rea. 1937-W
Elmer F. White, 111 Salem St. .....
Lila Hall, 247 High Street .....
Pearl Street School:
Edward W. McBrien, 213 Forest Street ..... Rea. 0228
Simon A. Castine, 21 Green Street .....
Prospect Street and Chestnut Hill Schools:
Leander Smith, 193 High Street ..... Rea. 1325
Lowell Street School:
William A. Lloyd, 128 Bancroft Avenue .....

CAFETERIA

High School:
Mary A. Kingman, 12 Sanborn Street .....
Ida Johnson, 38 Washington Street ..... Rea. 0699-J
Evelyn M. Davis, 36 Gould Street .....
Junior High School:
Annie L. Canty, 72 Linden Street ..... Rea. 1653-W
Edith French, 11 Lewis Street ..... Rea. 0808-W
Eva E. Noble, 241 West Street ..... Rea. 1438-W

SCHOOL CALENDAR

No sessions:
Memorial Day — May 30, 1947
Schools open — September 3, 1947
No sessions:
Columbus Day — October 13, 1947
Teachers' Convention — October 31, 1947
Armistice Day — November 11, 1947
Thanksgiving Recess from noon, November 26, 1947, to December 1, 1947
Christmas Vacation from end of regular sessions, December 23, 1947 to January 5, 1948
Winter Vacation, week of — February 23, 1948
Spring Vacation, week of — April 25, 1948
No sessions:
Memorial Day — May 31, 1948
Schools close for Summer — June 18, 1948

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of the Town of Reading:

The School Committee submits its annual report.

The educational system in Reading has reached the crossroads. The question before the people today is whether they wish to have their educational facilities for children advance along with other communities, or whether they desire to revert to fundamentals only. If it is the wish of the people of Reading to progress in educational methods to the end that their children will be equipped to compete with the children from other communities in advanced education, or in the business world, they must prepare themselves for higher school department costs, and incidentally, higher tax levies.

If, on the other hand, they prefer to revert to the minimum necessities so that the advantage of equal competition in universities of higher learning, and the outside business world, will be confined to those families with the financial ability to send their children to private schools, then undoubtedly the school department expenses can be maintained at a low level without any substantial increased tax burden. Your Committee believes that the calibre of the people of Reading is such that they desire the best possible educational system which can be devised, without too great an increase in the tax levy.

The school plant could reasonably be valued at one million dollars, and of necessity the repairs and maintenance of such a substantial plant are large. During the past several years it has been impossible, due to labor shortages and the shortage of critical materials, to maintain the now-standing buildings in a state of even reasonable repair. It has been contended that this year, due to the amount of money granted by way of temporary adjustment in teachers' pay, that the maintenance account should be further reduced. This maintenance account for one reason or another has been substantially reduced each year from what appeared to be necessities. This is the principal reason why the condition of the plant is as it is today. Next year, and for several years to come, the people of Reading can well expect to face additional expense outside its usual maintenance, and, therefore, it does not appear to your Committee intelligent that necessary maintenance items should be longer deferred. For example: In the event that labor and material should become available so that construction can be commenced on the Summer Avenue Elementary School, the people of Reading would be faced with providing a substantial amount from the tax levy, as well as a bond issue for the balance of the construction cost. Each succeeding year until such time as the bonds have been retired, a substantial amount, outside of usual maintenance, would of necessity come from the tax levy, so that deferring necessary maintenance amounts would be

as detrimental to those annual tax levies as it would this year.

A Special Site Committee appointed by the Town Meeting will report at the annual meeting in 1947. This Committee has worked very diligently since its organization, and although it has been furnished material resulting from previous investigations by the School Committee, it has in no way been influenced by the School Committee. This Committee has not as yet announced its findings nor are its findings now known to the School Committee, but for the safety and welfare of the people of the town and their children, the findings of the Special Committee should be followed.

The need for additional educational facilities in the present system is immediate and imperative. The facilities of the Junior High School to the extent of its Home Economics Department, its Shop Department, and Physical Education, including gymnasium and outside area, are at the moment doing double duty in that they are being used by the Junior and Senior High Schools to the detriment of the children of both schools.

Your School Committee has granted temporary increases to school employees and has included that amount in its budget. These increases, as you have been informed by the local press and otherwise, are unsatisfactory to a great many teachers in that they are inadequate. You have also undoubtedly been advised by others that the increases are excessive. Your committee feels that the increases granted are not inadequate, having in mind the ability of the Town to pay, and that they are not excessive considering the calibre of our teaching personnel and the cost of living today. It may well be that at some future time, should State Aid for Education be materially increased, that further consideration may be given to greater salary increases.

At the time of the writing of this report, the School Committee had not met with the full Finance Committee but has met with the Subcommittee on Schools for that Committee, and except in a very few instances, the thinking of both committees is in substantial accord.

The teachers in the Elementary Schools have, at the request of your Committee, worked in committees themselves preparing and submitting curricula studies for grades one through six to the end that subject-matter outcomes will be uniform at the end of each grade throughout the entire town. The purpose of organizing this material becomes apparent when the elementary children meet for the first time in the first year of Junior High School. In a great many other states there is a course-of-study prepared by the state. Unfortunately, in our Commonwealth this is not so and any uniformity that is established must be established by the individual committees. The School Committee is very appreciative of the efforts of the Elementary teachers in preparing these outlines of subject-matter outside of school hours. It also appreciates the suggestions and advice offered by the various parents through the Parent-Teachers Associations.

The terms of J. Warren Killam, Jr., and Gould B. Ruggles expire this year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. WARREN KILLAM, Jr., Chairman
MARY E. EARLEY
GLADYS F. MILTON
ALEXANDER P. GLOVER
GOULD B. RUGGLES
MERLE W. WESCOTT

SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUDGET — 1946

Appropriations, Transfers and Refunds 1946		Expended 1946
	SALARIES:	
$253,015.61	Supt. and Teachers	$246,206.35
2,000.00	Substitutes	1,575.00
26,300.00	Janitors	25,715.25
500.00	Compulsory Attendance	500.00
3,600.00	Nurse and Clerk	3,010.50
1,100.00	Medical Inspection	1,100.00
$286,515.61	Total Salaries	$278,107.10
	MAINTENANCE:	
	General Control:	
$ 500.00	Supt's Office Supplies	$ 643.71
50.00	Research and Professional Study	46.80
200.00	Printing	170.50
400.00	Travel Expenses	543.34
500.00	Other Expenses	418.94
450.00	Grouard House — Operation	565.79
225.00	Grouard House — Maintenance	108.82
50.00	Grouard House — Capital Outlay	335.05
$ 2,375.00	Total General Control	$ 2,832.95
	Instruction:	
$ 500.00	Supervision	$ 435.63
440.00	Prin. Off. Expense	443.45
2,250.00	Textbooks	1,580.10
8,000.00	Supplies	8,408.23
600.00	Library	406.58
900.00	Supplementary Books	1,057.67
350.00	Commencement	246.51
1,100.00	Other Expenses	1,056.41
$ 14,140.00	Total Instruction	$ 13,634.58

	Operation of Plant:	
$ 2,700.00	Janitors' Supplies	$ 2,966.64
10,000.00	Fuel	6,982.29
1,075.00	Water and Sewer	1,141.84
2,950.00	Electricity	3,356.28
70.00	Gas	5.62
750.00	Other Expenses	827.58
790.00	Telephone	721.50
$ 18,335.00	Total Operation	$ 16,001.75
	Maintenance of Plant:	
$ 2,781.00	Grounds	$ 2,419.25
2,745.00	Buildings	3,203.23
1,619.00	Service Systems	2,515.80
841.00	Plumbing	655.34
1,006.00	Instructional Apparatus	2,153.36
831.50	Furniture	105.25
113.00	Other Expenses	482.24
$ 9,936.50	Total Maintenance	$ 11,534.47
	Capital Outlay:	
$ 1,102.00	Alterations and Additions	$ 1,466.34
320.40	Furniture	50.42
1,708.10	Instructional Apparatus	$ 2,321.63
$ 3,130.50	Total Capital Outlay	$ 3,838.39
	Auxiliary Agencies:	
$ 104.00	Tuition	$ 176.00
	Coordinate Account:	
$ 225.00	Compulsory Attendance	$ 200.00
35.00	Medical Service	30.04
500.00	Nurse Service	512.23
$ 760.00	Total Coordinate Account	$ 742.27
$ 48,781.00	Total General Maintenance	$ 48,760.41
$335,296.61	Grand Total	$326,867.51
$ 11,200.00	Transportation	$ 10,605.77
$ 2,000.00	Industrial Tuition	$ 1,554.21
$ 700.00	Retirement for Teacher in Service	$ 700.00
$ 32,000.00	School Lunches	$ 28,588.62
$ 4,598.41	W.F.A. Reimbursement for Lunches	$ 4,162.12
$ 4,000.00	New Cafeteria Construction	$ 3,997.96

SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUDGET — 1947

Receipts Not from Tax Levy — Showing Net Cost to Town

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Estimate 1947			1946	
$399,496.72		**General Account:**		
		Total Expenditure (Less Transportation)		$326,867.51
		Receipts:		
	$ 18,500.00	State Reimbursement on Teachers	$ 18,977.80	
	15,000.00	Tuition	12,560.49	
33,700.00	200.00	Sundry	246.33	31,784.62
$365,796.72		NET COST TO TOWN		$295,082.89
		School Lunches:		
	$ 45,000.00	Appropriation	$ 32,000.00	
$ 50,000.00	5,000.00	Add W.F.A. Reimbursement	4,598.41	$ 36,598.41
		Inventory	$ 781.81	
		Receipts:		
	45,000.00	Cash for Lunches	$ 23,308.03	
50,000.00	5,000.00	W.F.A. Reimbursement	4,598.41	28,688.25
50,000.00		Total Cost of Operation		$ 32,750.74
.....		BALANCE TO 1947		$ 436.29
.....		BALANCE TO TOWN		$ 3,411.38
		Industrial Tuition:		
$ 2,000.00		Total Expenditure		$ 1,554.21
		Receipts:		
600.00		State Reimbursement		654.78
$ 1,400.00		NET COST TO TOWN		$ 899.43

CHANGE IN PERSONNEL — 1946

Left:

Isabel L. Carley	Lowell Street School—Grade 3	April
Maud E. Adlington	Pearl Street School—Principal	June
Charlotte M. Burnham	Prospect Street School—Grade 1	June
Lois E. Collemer	Junior High School—Dom. Science	June
Stafford J. Connor	High School—Dir., Phys. Education	June
Marion B. Cushman	Pearl Street School—Grade 4	June
Gladys H. Cutcliffe	Junior High School—English	June
Marion E. Drew	Junior High School—Social Studies	June
Jean M. Hertel	Prospect Street School—Grade 2	June
Elizabeth M. Jackson	High School—English	June
Inez M. Lewis	Junior High School—Mathematics	June
Virginia M. Linden	Highland School—Grade 4	June
Clifford R. Nelson	Junior High School—Science	June
Jean M. (Butters) Rector	Highland School—Grade 5	June
Clinton H. Stevens, Jr.	Junior High School—Shop	June
Lois Taylor	Pearl Street School—Grade 3	June
Doris V. Williams	Pearl Street School—Grade 4	June
Inez K. Woodbury	Senior High School—Sup. of Art	June
Albert W. Kent	Senior High School—Math., Coach	June
Stanley M. Smithers	Junior High School—Sup. of Music	Aug.
Margaret J. DeWitt	Senior High School—Matron	Sept.
Dorothy A. Allard	Pearl Street School—Supervis'g Prin.	Oct.
Matilda J. Gamble	Highland School—Grade 5	Oct.
Beatrice M. Coleman	Senior High School—Social Studies	Nov.

Appointed and Returned:

*Walter E. Hawkes	Junior High School—Phys. Ed., Hyg.	Jan.
*Philip W. Althoff	Senior High School—Dir. Phys. Ed.	Sept.
James T. Amsler	Junior High School—Shop	Sept.
Henry J. Barone	Highland School—Grade 6	Sept
Lloyd G. Blanchard	Junior High School—Mathematics	Sept.
Phyllis G. Boles	Junior High School—Home Eco.	Sept.
John R. Copithorne	Junior High School—Gen. Science	Sept.
Joseph A. Crowley	Senior High School—History, Coach	Sept.
Glenna Dow (L.A.)	Pearl Street School—Grade 2	Sept.
Kathleen Fesler	Pearl Street School—Grade 4	Sept.
Priscilla A. Hingston	Junior High School—English	Sept.

Change in Personnel — 1946

Olive L. Joney	Highland School—Grade 4	Sept.
Esther Kempton	Pearl Street School—Grade 4	Sept.
*L. Reginald A. Kibbe	Senior High School—Sup. of Art	Sept.
Helen R. Knight	Junior High School—English	Sept.
Loraine C. Merrill	Highland School—Grades 3 and 4	Sept.
Eunice O'Donnell	Pearl Street School—Grade 2	Sept.
Glenis M. Ridley	Prospect Street School—Grade 1	Sept.
Marion R. Weagle	Lowell Street School—Grade 1	Sept.

*Returned from the Armed Forces

TOTAL NUMBER OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE EMPLOYEES

Class of Service	Men	Women	Total
Total number of School Committee employees	40.0	86.0	126.0
A. **Administration** ..... Total	2.7	2.1	4.8
Superintendent	1.0		1.0
Attendance	1.0		1.0
Visiting Teacher		1.0	1.0
Directors and Supervisors	.7	1.1	1.8
B. **Supervising Principals** ..... Total	2.0	2.0	4.0
High School	1.0		1.0
Junior High School	1.0		1.0
Elementary Schools		2.0	2.0
C. **Teachers** ..... Total	23.3	63.9	87.2
1. Regular ..... Total	16.5	55.5	72.0
High School (Grades 10-12)	8.5	9.5	18.0
Junior High School (Grades 7-9)	7.0	9.0	16.0
Elementary Schools (Grades 1-6)	1.0	37.0	38.0
Chestnut Hill School		2.0	2.0
Highland School	1.0	11.0	12.0
Lowell Street School		4.0	4.0
Pearl Street School		14.0	14.0
Prospect Street School		6.0	6.0

2. Special ..... Total	6.8	8.4	15.2
Administrative, Supervisory and Guidance	.5	.5	1.0
Art	.5	1.0	1.5
Industrial Arts	3.0		3.0
Home Economics		2.0	2.0
Librarian		1.0	1.0
Music	.9	.4	1.3
Physical Education	1.9	1.5	3.4
Special Classes		2.0	2.0
Sum of A, B, and C	28.0	68.0	96.0

D. **Secretaries and Clerks** ..... Total		8.0	8.0
Superintendent's Office ..... Total		2.5	2.5
Cafeteria		.5	.5
High School		2.0	2.0
Junior High School		1.0	1.0
Highland School		1.0	1.0
Pearl Street School		1.0	1.0

E. **Health Department** ..... Total	1.0	1.0	2.0
Physician	1.0		1.0
Supervisor		1.0	1.0

F. **Janitors and Matrons** ..... Total	11.0	3.0	14.0
High School	2.0	1.0	3.0
Junior High School	3.0	1.0	4.0
Chestnut Hill School	.5		.5
Highland School and Grouard House	2.0	1.0	3.0
Lowell Street School	1.0		1.0
Pearl Street School	2.0		2.0
Prospect Street School	.5		.5

G. **Cafeteria Service** ..... Total		6.0	6.0
High School		3.0	3.0
Junior High School		3.0	3.0

AGE-GRADE TABLE—October 1, 1946

Age	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21 and over	Totals
Grade 1	97	116	13	1														227
" 2		77	106	30	3													216
" 3			77	114	26	3												220
" 4			1	56	90	18	4	2	1									172
" 5					50	86	24	8	1									169
" 6						49	77	31	6	2								165
" 7							50	69	26	11	6	1						163
" 8							1	37	96	23	6							163
" 9									54	95	17	8	1					175
" 10										54	113	32	5	2	2			208
" 11											44	84	28	6	4			166
" 12											17	63	39	17	7	3	4	150
" PG														1	3	1	2	7
" Opp.			1	2	5	6	4	9	5									32
Total	97	193	198	203	174	162	160	156	189	185	203	188	73	26	16	4	6	2233

MEMBERS OF READING SCHOOL FACULTIES

(Dates indicate year of appointment in Reading)

School Committee Offices

Elbridge C. Grover — Superintendent of Schools
Harvard, B.S.; Teachers' College, Columbia University, M.A.; N. Y. Univ., Ph.D.; La Sorbonne, Paris (1939)

Thomas F. Halpin, M.D. — School Physician
Boston College, B.A.; Tufts Medical School, M.D. (1943)

Margaret B. Clewley — Supervisor of Health
Newton Hospital, R.N.; Simmons, Certificate of Public Health Nursing; Boston University; Harvard (1939)

Bernice Burdick — Supervisor of Music, Elementary
Boston University, Mus.B.; Columbia Teachers' College, M.A.; Boston Conservatory; Trinity (1945)

Warburton J. Murray — Attendance Officer
Suffolk Law School (1943)

Jean F. Ramsay — Visiting Teacher
Smith College, B.A.; Columbia University, M.A.; Stockholm and Upsala (1941)

Senior High School

Rudolf Sussman — Supervising Principal
Boston University, B.S.Ed.; Harvard (1917)

Luke Halpin — Assistant Principal, Math.
Bowdoin, B.A.; Boston University, M.A.; Harvard (1922)

Royal S. Adams — Science, Math.
Bates College, B.S.; Harvard, Boston University (1943)

Philip W. Althoff — Director, Phys. Ed., and Athletics
Springfield College, B.P.E., M.Ed. (1927)

Clifford W. Baker — Math.
Boston University, B.S.; M.A. (1944)

Elizabeth A. Batchelder — Com'l. Eng., Guidance
Salem Normal; Boston University, B.S.Ed.; Harvard (1916)

Elsie Bishop — Librarian
Colby College, B.A.; Simmons, B.L.S.; Boston University (1943)

Marion Brink — French, English
Radcliffe College, B.A.; M.A.; Cert. from Inst. of France (1943)

Robert Bronner — History
Boston University, B.S.Ed.; M.S.Ed. (1940)

Cathleen Burns — English, Spanish, Dramatics
Smith College, B.A.; Boston University, M.A. (1942)

Virginia Cox — Latin, English
Radcliffe College, A.B.; A.M. (1945)

Joseph A. Crowley — Math., Athletics
Dartmouth College, A.B.; Boston University (1946)

Alberta F. Drury — Bookkeeping, Bus. Law, Arithmetic
Posse Normal, Salem Normal, B.U. (1917)

Joseph F. Fitzgerald — Math.
Boston College, B.A.; M.A.; Boston University (1929)

William E. Hanlon — Social Studies, German
Dartmouth College, A.B.; Boston University, Ed.M. (1945)

L. Reginald A. Kibbe — Supervisor and Teacher of Art
Mass. School of Art, B.S.Ed.; Boston University, M.S.Ed. (1936)

Svea Kling — Shorthand, Type., Bus. Eng.
Burdett College; Boston University, B.B.A.; Harvard, M.Ed. (1940)

Florence G. Nichols — Phys. Ed., Supervisor and Teacher
Sargent School; Boston University, B.S.Ed.; M.I.T. (1929)

Frederick J. Pope — Chemistry, Physics
Colby College, B.S.; Harvard, M.Ed. (1922)

Mary E. Shay — English
Regis College, B.A.; Harvard (1943)

Arthur L. Spencer — German and Latin
Amherst College, A.B.; Brown University Graduate School, (1938)

Helen B. Stanwood — Shorthand, Typewriting
Salem Teachers', B.S.Ed.; Boston University, M.C.S.; Harvard (1937)

Cyrus D. Thompson — Director and Teacher of Music
N. E. Conservatory of Music; Penn. State College, B.S.; Eastman School of Music, M.M.; New York University (1945)

Helen R. Zimmerman — Chemistry, Gen. Science, Biology
Wellesley College, B.A.; Purdue, M.S.; Ph.D. (1937)

Junior High School

Robert F. Perry — Supervising Principal
U. S. Naval Academy, B.S.; N. H. University; Columbia U. (1935)

William A. Rich — Asst. Prin., Math.
Salem Normal; Boston University, B.S.Ed.; M.A. (1928)

Amsler, James T. — Shop
Fitchburg State Teachers' College, B.S.Ed. (1946)

Harriet S. Beattie — Art
Mass. School of Art, B.S.Ed. (1936)

Blanchard, Lloyd G. — Math.
Dartmouth College, A.B. (1946)

Phyllis G. Boles — Home Economics
Masachusetts State College, B.S. (1946)

John R. Copithorne — General Science
Simpson College, B.A.; (1946)

Ethelyn M. Cowperthwaite — English
Framingham Teachers' College; Harvard Summer School; Boston University (1945)

Marian D. Day — Science
Bates College; M.I.T.; Harvard (1925)

Grace M. Harriman — Social Studies
Radcliffe College, B.A.; Harvard, M.Ed.; Stanford U.; College of the Pacific (1928)

Walter E. Hawkes — Phys. Ed., and Hygiene
Springfield College, B.S. (1933)

Priscilla A. Hingston — English
Salem State Teachers' College, B.S.Ed. (1946)

Genevieve P. Hook — Latin, English, French
U. of Vermont, A.B.; Radcliffe College, A.M. (1931)

Louice B. Jenkins — Social Studies
Bridgewater Normal; Boston University, B.S.Ed; Harvard (1920)

Helen R. Knight — English
Lowell State Teachers' College, B.S.Ed. (1946)

Roderick E. Macdonald — Shop
Fitchburg State Teachers' College, B.S.Ed. (1937)

John B. Pacino — Commercial
Tufts College, B.S. (1944)

Anna M. Reck — Math.
Radcliffe College, B.A.; Boston University (1928)

Neil C. Robinson — Social Studies
Mass. State College, B.S.; Harvard; Boston Univ., M.Ed. (1939)

Edna L. Rohwedder — English
Lowell State Teachers' College, B.S.Ed.; B.U.; Harvard; Tufts, Ed.M. (1936)

Arthur D. Simonds, Jr. — Social Studies
Boston University, B.R.E.; M.A. (1944)

Margaret Tyacke — Physical Ed., Hygiene
Harvard Summer School; Boston University (1926)

Frederick Wales — Shop
Fitchburg State Teachers' College, B.S.Ed. (1942)

Helen A. Walker — Home Economics, Jr. and Sr. High
Framingham Teachers' College, B.S.Ed. (1941)

Albert H. Woodward — Math., Social Studies
Amherst College, B.A.; Boston University, M.Ed. (1941)

Highland School

Elizabeth Graham — Supervising Principal
Framingham Normal; Boston Univ., B.S.Ed.; M.Ed. Harvard (1941)

Doris Bailey — Grade 5
Salem Teachers' College, B.S.Ed; Univ. of Mich., Col. Univ. (1945)

Henry J. Barone — Grade 6
State Teachers' College of N.J., B.S.; B. U., Ed.M. (1946)

Dorothy L. Burgess — Grade 3
Leslie Normal; Boston University (1926)

Dorothy L. Cronin — Grade 2
Lowell Teachers' College, B.S.Ed.; B. U., M.Ed. (1933)

Eileen Cummings — Grade 1
Wheelock, B.S.Ed. (1945)

R. Hilda Gaffney — Grade 6
Boston University, B.S.Ed. (1941)

Olive L. Joney — Grade 4
Worcester State Teachers' College, B.S.Ed.; B.U., M.Ed. (1946)

Edith M. McQuaide — Grade 6
Lowell Teachers' College, B.S.Ed.; Tufts, M.A. (1940)

Loraine C. Merrill — Grades 3 and 4
Gorham Normal School; B. U., B.S. (1946)

Florence A. Potter — Grade 5
Plymouth Normal; Boston Univ. (1926)

Florence V. Thackleberry — Grade 6
Plymouth Normal; Boston Univ. (1931)

Pearl Street School

Dorothy A. Allard — Supervising Principal
Salem Normal; Boston University, B.S.Ed. (1927)

Ruth Carey — Grade 1
Boston University, B.S.Ed. (1943)

Velma E. Curtin — Grade 2
Perry Kindergarten School; B. U., Tufts (1927)

Hazel S. Davis — Grade 6
Gorham Normal School (1945)

Glenna A. Dow — Grade 2
Hyannis Normal School; Emerson; Columbia (1919)

Kathleen Fesler — Grade 4
Oneonta State Teachers' College (N.Y.) B.Ed. (1946)

Carolyn C. Grace — Grade 5
North Adams Normal; B. U.; Hyannis Summer School (1919)

A. Josephine Guild — Grade 1
Hyannis Normal; N. E. Conservatory; Perry Normal; B. U., B.S.Ed. (1944)

Frances Haskins — Grade 3
Aroostook State Normal (1943)

Esther Kempton — Grade 4
Farmington Normal School (1946)

Beth G. MacGregor — Grade 1
Salem Teachers' College, B.S.Ed. (1943)

Mary W. Moore — Grade 5
Provincial, N. S., Normal School; Boston Univ., B.S.Ed. (1941)

Eunice O'Donnell — Grade 2
Lowell State Teachers' College, B.S.Ed. (1946)

Elizabeth Robinson — Grade 3
Wheelock School; Hyannis Teachers' College, B.S.Ed. (1945)

Helen D. Stockwell — Special Class
Salem Normal School; Boston University (1930)

Margaret Traquair — Special Class
Salem Teachers' College, B.S.Ed. (1945)

Myrla Wilbur — Grade 6
Lowell Teachers' College, B.S.Ed.; Hyannis, Ed.M. (1945)

Lowell Street School

Nellie P. Beaton — Principal, Grade 4
Hyannis Teachers' College; Boston University (1920)

Helen F. Frederic — Grade 3
Farmington Normal School (1945)

Jessie L. Goddard — Grade 2
Bridgewater Normal School; B. U. (1937)

Marion R. Weagle — Grade 1
Lowell Teachers' College, B.S.Ed. (1946)

Prospect Street School

Eleanor M. Skahill — Principal, Grade 4
Bridgewater Teachers' College, B.S.Ed., Boston University (1943)

Catherine M. Chipman — Grade 3
Lowell State Teachers' College (1944)

Grace L. Gifford — Grades 1 and 2
Wheelock School (1943)

Helena A. Markham — Grade 3
Framingham State Teachers' College (1934)

Alberta R. Mathieson — Grade 2
Salem Normal School (1924)

Glenis M. Ridley — Grade 1
Farmington Normal School (1946)

Chestnut Hill School

Irene Royea — Principal, Grades 1 and 2
Arostook State Normal School; B. U. (1928)

Clara A. Anderson — Grades 3 and 4
Gorham Normal School (1944)

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, 1946

To the School Committee
Reading, Massachusetts

Mrs. Earley, Mrs. Milton, and Gentlemen:

Herewith please find my eighth annual report as Superintendent of Schools, which is the fifty-fourth of a series of annual reports describing the work of the Reading Public Schools.

The present year has been full of many problems brought about by the changed economic situation following the end of the Second World War. These changes called for additional tax money to meet salary adjustments for teachers, and the need for building repairs, maintenance and capital outlay due to the restrictions of critical material in the war-time period.

In the present report, I shall outline briefly the problems with which we have been faced during the year. They fall into three general classifications—administrative problems, instructional improvement, and special activities.

Administrative Problems

Equal Pay Law

At the Town Election, March 4, 1946, the citizens of Reading voted the Equal Pay Law. This law provided for the payment of the same salaries to women as to men, if they were "employed in the same grades and doing the same type of work, with the same preparation and training". On March 25th, the citizens of Reading, at a Special Town Meeting, voted money to pay teachers as provided by the Equal Pay Law. It also approved an additional payment of 7/10 of 5% temporary cost-of-living adjustment serving the period from April 1st to December 31, 1946.

The Equal Pay law gave considerable increase to women teachers who had the same preparation and training as men teachers. Teachers without the 4-year training leading to a degree did not receive the same amount of increase as those with degrees.

The Salary Schedule which went into effect September 1, 1945, placed the maximum salaries for women teachers as follows: Teachers with two-year training, $1900; those with three years' training, $2100; those holding a Bachelor's Degree, $2300; Master's Degree, $2500; and Doctor's Degree, $2700. Men were paid a differential of $500. The Equal Pay Law brought the women teachers' salaries up to those of the men.

The School Committee adopted, on April 10, 1946, a single salary schedule including equal pay for men and women with the same training and preparation. This Schedule is given below:

1946 Salary Schedule

Schedule Classifications

Annual Increment Steps	2-Year Normal Diploma	3-Year Normal Diploma	Bachelor's Degree	Master's Degree	Doctor's Degree
	E	D	C	B	A
1	$1200	$1300	$1400	$1500	$1600
2	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700
3	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800
4	1500	1600	1700	1800	1900
5	1600	1700	1800	1900	2000
6	1700	1800	1900	2000	2100
7	1800	1900	2000	2100	2200
8	1900	2000	2100	2200	2300
9	2000	2100	2200	2300	2400
10	2100	2200	2300	2400	2500
11	2200	2300	2400	2500	2600
12		2400	2500	2600	2700
13			2600	2700	2800
14			2700	2800	2900
15			2800	2900	3000
16				3000	3100
17					3200

This Salary Schedule became effective September 1, 1946. However, as we face the economic problems of the immediate future, it is doubtful whether we can hold our own in competition with similar school systems, even though our Salary Schedule, at the time, seemed an excellent one. Reading will find it more and more difficult to hire and retain good men teachers. It is reported that only 260 students now in their last year in the teachers' colleges and university schools of education throughout the six New England States will be available for teaching positions next fall. Some of these have already been placed.

It is important that teaching should attract able young men and women who have scholarship, ability, and personality, since in the final analysis, these are the people who will mould the attitudes, understanding, skill, and knowledge of the boys and girls who must be the leaders in the coming generation.

The State of Massachusetts will undoubtedly be forced to revise its educational program and to provide adequate state aid if it is going to continue these professional services on a high plane, and to protect

its enviable reputation as a leader in Education. During the year, one bill has been introduced in the Legislature which, if passed, would ultimately allocate to Reading $180,000 annually in State Aid. This help would make it possible to develop a local salary schedule which would attract some of the best teachers in New England. State Aid, of course, may be looked upon as a hidden tax, but on the other hand, it would help to relieve local property tax burden.

Percentage of Tax Dollar Spent

According to the latest School Returns, the Reading School Committee spent 42.8% of the local tax dollar. This percentage is comparable to the 42.0% spent in 1934, but considerably less than the 47.3% spent in 1931*

The School Returns sent in to the State for the school year 1945-46 show that schools systems in Massachusetts spent from 29.1% to 70.4% of the local tax dollar. They also showed that Lexington and Wakefield spent 41.5%; Stoneham, 37.9%; Winthrop, 43%; Belmont, 43.4%; North Attleboro, 50.3%; Marblehead, 41%; and Weymouth, 42.6%. The median was 42.4%. Reading, therefore, is placed near the average with respect to the percentage of the local tax dollar spent for schools. These figures, however, should be taken with considerable caution, since the percentage of tax dollar spent for education can vary considerably according to the amount of money spent for other departments. Reading's experience in the last few years shows that the percentage spent for education increases when welfare and charity expenses decrease. The reverse of this tendency is also true.

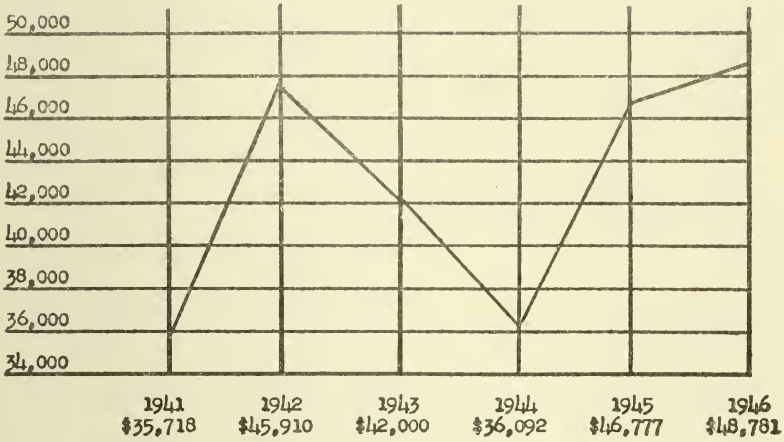
*Annual Report of the Statistics of Municipal Finances, Public Document No. 79.

Increased Maintenance Cost

During the war, critical materials were high, and almost impossible to obtain. Labor costs were high and workers were not available. Repairs and maintenance work had to suffer. At the beginning of this year the Committee requested a substantial increase in the Repairs and Maintenance Budget in order to take care of the work which had been accumulating but had been neglected in the preceding war years. The amount requested was reduced by $9732, under stress of estimated economy. Consequently, we are faced with a much greater need for repairs and maintenance during the coming year.

In view of the steadily mounting costs of labor and materials since 1941, it is interesting to study the relationship of the Maintenance Budgets covering those years.

The following graph will show this relationship:



A study of this chart will convince one of the need for a long-term program of repairs and maintenance. For a number of years the Committee has requested sufficient funds to bring the repairs in the Reading Schools to the place where it can look forward to a long-term schedule, but many things, particularly outside and inside painting, will need to be done before an adequate schedule can be made for the future. Once caught up, we should go ahead from year to year without too great a fluctuation in Repair and Maintenance budgets.

According to the latest statistics, Reading's maintenance cost in 1945-46 was 2.8% of its total budget. For Lexington and for Marblehead, this figure was 4.7%; Stoneham, 3.4%; Wakefield, 4.1%; Saugus, 3.8%; Needham, 6.7%; Plymouth, 3.5%; and Swampscott, 3.4%. The median for the State was 3.3%.

School Enrollment Increase

The 1946 enrollment of all pupils in Reading Schools has increased over the 1945 enrollment by 44 pupils. In the Elementary Schools, the increase has been 21 pupils; the High School, 36 pupils; and the Junior High School, a decrease of 13 pupils.

The growth in the Elementary classes continues to be chiefly in the primary grades, particularly in the Pearl Street School. This School has an enrollment of 496 pupils. The crowding of classes necessitated construction of an additional room in the basement to take care of the excess enrollment. Below will be seen comparative figures for October 1st, of the number of pupils enrolled in the Elementary Grades.

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	Opp.	Total
Pearl	90	97	75	63	75	64	32	496
Highland	36	28	41	35	94	101		335
Prospect	48	45	53	32				178
Lowell	37	29	34	25				125
Chestnut Hill	16	17	17	17				67
Totals	227	216	220	172	169	165	32	1201

The comparison in enrollment of all schools during the last six years may also be seen in the following table:

School	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
High	599	548	491	508	495	531
Junior High	524	521	514	524	514	501
Elementary	1093	1103	1150	1152	1180	1201
Totals	2216	2172	2150	2184	2189	2233

The above tables show two facts rather clearly. The first is that the Elementary School enrollments are growing more rapidly than enrollments in the Senior and Junior High Schools. The second fact is that the growth has been steadily increasing in the primary grades over the last six years. In this period of time, the number of children enrolled in the Elementary grades has increased by 108 pupils. In order to accommodate this number of additional pupils, two 3rd-grade classes have had to be located in the Junior High School building, and a new classroom constructed in the basement of the Pearl Street School. If this growth continues, we shall soon have to face crowded, double-grade classrooms, at least until additional building facilities are obtained. The enrollment in the High School is on a definite increase. The graduating class numbers 150 students, and next year's sophomore class will be 175. An additional 40 students from North Reading might well increase the enrollment next September to the neighborhood of 600 students.

Instructional Improvement

College Preparation and Entrance

Reports of recent surveys have shown that only about 50% of high school pupils who desired to go to college last fall were able to get in. The reasons given were overcrowding due to returned veterans, and the increased desire on the part of high school students to go to college. From a practical point of view, colleges are seeking abler students. Reading High School holds an enviable record in getting members of the class of 1946 into collegiate institutions. The Principal reports that every pupil who wanted to enter college last fall obtained certification of admission. Reading has an excellent reputation for preparing

students for college, and its record has been of great advantage at this time. The Principal and Assistant Principal have established close relationships with the deans of the major colleges in New England. This relationship has been furthered by personal visits to the collegiate institutions, attendance at educational conferences, and the opportunities provided in our High School for deans and representatives of the colleges to speak to our students and discuss their educational problems with them. The Principal of the school has recently been made Trustee of the New England Association of High Schools and Colleges. This appointment was in no small measure due to the fine work which the High School faculty has consistently done in preparing students for higher institutions of learning.

Testing and Guidance in the High School

The Senior High School, due to its size, should have a full-time counsellor to carry on the guidance for the 531 pupils enrolled. In the absence of such a person, such guidance and counselling, both educational and vocational, as is being done, is under the supervision of selected teachers on a part-time basis.

These teachers have worked out a forum guidance program for the seniors. To these meetings are invited interesting speakers to discuss their vocations and the problems of working for a living. Perhaps the most valuable part of these meetings is the question-and-answer period, in which the students are encouraged to seek all the information obtainable for their guidance. The High School teachers accept the viewpoint that teaching is guidance and are alert to advise pupils in connection with their problems at any time.

In order to diagnose the difficulties encountered by pupils in the various areas of subject-matter learning, both for teaching purposes and for guidance purposes, the High School, during the last few years, has made use of the Boston University Co-operative Guidance and Testing Service. Early in the Fall, a battery of educational tests are given to those students in the Sophomore Class who have personally paid for this testing service. This has cost each student $1.50. About half of the students have volunteered to cooperate in this project. It is hoped that next year the budget for supplies will include an amount for this testing service for all Sophomores.

These tests cover carefully-prepared material to give teachers an analysis of just what the student knows as he enters High School so that the teachers can start with this knowledge of each pupil and utilize it to individualize teaching and indicate remedial instruction where necessary. The tests include those of mental maturity, ability to solve problems, reading comprehension, English usage including grammar, diction, capitalization, punctuation, sentence construction and spelling, mathematics fundamentals, including subtraction, addition, multiplication, and division.

A comparison of results with the New England norms for the tenth grade shows that medians attained by Reading students on every test were equal to, or better than, the New England norms.

The mental maturity test is of special interest, since it gives an index of the probable learning rate for each pupil. These, as well as the reading comprehension and English fundamentals tests, are used by the entire faculty to help understand the limitations and achievements of each pupil to understand reading material in various fields and his ability to express himself.

Because of the class size in High School, and the limited time available, the teaching of the individual is not as extensive as we would like, but the faculty is doing excellent work under the present conditions.

Unit Teaching

The entire faculty of the High School is becoming increasingly conscious of the advantages of teaching subject-matter in the form of units, and of individual lesson-planning in reference to the units. The unit is a breakdown of the subject into the amount of material which can be integrated with other material and experiences of the students to give them a more complete understanding of what they are learning, and its relationship to their lives. This planning for better teaching is unified in the school through teacher meetings, bulletins from the Principal's office, individual conferences, and other devices which have been used to develop a "like-mindedness" in connection with the unit assignment of the unit of work.

Emphasis of Music in the High School

The music work in the High School has had to meet more restrictions than any other activity, since, in the High School building, instrumental music cannot be played during the school day, if other classes are to be carried on. Vocal work with small groups can be taught in Room 1, but the band or orchestra work must be developed after school hours. In spite of these restrictions, music has grown in the last year and has become a more integral part of the school program. Carrying on of instruction after school and Saturday mornings has materially helped in making it possible for more students to participate in instrumental music.

Library Service

It is said that the library is the heart of the school. At least it is the place where information and reference material may be collected to enrich instruction in all fields of learning, both for the student and for the teacher.

The High School Library contains 2737 volumes, which includes 170 added during the year. Sixteen of these were acquired by gifts and 154 by purchase. The books are used freely during the study periods in the

Library-Auditorium Room. Besides this constant use of books in school-time, students take books home at the end of the day. The home circulation has increased considerably. This year 2787 books have been taken home by the students, an increase of 512 over last year.

Because of a well-trained school librarian, employed on a full-time basis, the High School has the advantage of many services otherwise impossible to obtain. Her intimate knowledge of pupil and teacher needs has permitted her to purchase books of lasting value and immediate use. She has been able to get the best obtainable guidance material, current news material for Social Studies, and magazines and book material for English and foreign language classes. Perhaps the Librarian's work is related to the English classes more than to any other. She works with English teachers and has developed with them lessons on library arrangements and use. The High School Library works with the Reading Public Library, the Boston Public Library, and the North Reading Library, to make books, magazines, circulars, etc., more available to the students of the school. The chief difficulty which the Librarian meets in working with her students is the restricted use of the Library study-hall, especially when it must be used as an auditorium or as a club meeting place, or for the many dramatic and forum activities which are frequently scheduled in the study-hall because there is no other place to go. The shelving space is reaching its limit. The Library workroom has to be shared with the coach and director of Physical Education. These limitations are, however, the same as other school activities meet in the present building. In spite of them the work of the Librarian has become of increasing importance and has made for more efficient school instruction.

Junior High School Tests

During the latter part of the eighth grade in the Junior High School, students take the Stanford Achievement Test, which is comprehensive and covers the fields of Reading, Language, Arithmetic, Literature, Social Studies, Science and Spelling. The results of the test are used to evaluate the teaching of the first two years in the Junior High School and to give teachers guidance material to help them advise students with respect to electives in the ninth grade. The following table is an analysis of the grade medians attained by 171 pupils of the eighth grade class in the Stanford Achievement Test given on May 6, 1946:

	1945	1946
Reading	9.3	9.5
Language Usage	10.0	9.8
Arithmetic	8.5	9.3
Literature	8.2	9.5
Social Studies	8.9	9.8
Science	9.5	9.8
Spelling	8.2	8.3

The above table includes the scores of the 1945 eighth grade class so that some comparison may be made between it and the eighth grade class of 1946. In reading the table, 9.3 under 1945 means that the 1945 class attained an achievement in Reading comparable to what an average class would make in the third month of the ninth year; in other words, the eighth grade class, as a whole, had attained ability to read, both in comprehension and in speed, in May, 1945, equal to what an average ninth grade class would attain by November of the following school year. The grade median of 10 means the achievement is equal to an average class attainment at the beginning of the tenth year, or the sophomore year in High School. The standard national grade norm is 8.8.

As a general thing, the Reading students do exceptionally well in Reading and Social Studies. This is reflected in the medians given above. Science also stands high chiefly due to the fact that the Junior High School has classes in Science from the seventh grade through the ninth.

In the last two or three years, the Junior High School has concentrated on improvement in Mathematics. This resulted from working out a re-organization of the course-of-study in Arithmetic with the sixth grade teachers under the leadership of Mr. William Rich. It recommended that increased emphasis be placed on certain important phases of sixth grade Arithmetic and that common methods and techniques be adopted in both the Elementary and Junior High Schools.

9th Grade Algebra

During the year the work in 9th grade Algebra was individualized so that each pupil's progress was carefully followed. This permitted pupils who had different rates of learning to go ahead at their own rates. Through the study of errors made by pupils, and by giving them supplementary material to strengthen their learning through extensive practice, the pupils were able to attain superior accomplishments.

The January and June Columbia Research Bureau Tests were given. In the first test, given in January, 1946, the pupils attained a median of 43, which was 10 points above the standard median on this test. In June, the second, or advanced, test was given. On this the pupils nearly doubled the standard median. Reading pupils attained a median of 31 against the standard of 16. All but three of the 9th grade students received scores above the standard. The results of these tests show the advantages in individualized instruction in the field of elementary Algebra.

Curriculum Revision

The faculty of the Junior High School is organized on a departmental basis and each department has set up a continuous course-of-study revision program. During the year the English Department completed its outline for Spelling and Language Usage and the teachers are continuing to work in the areas of Literature and Language Compo-

sition. Industrial Arts teachers are organizing a list of specific skills taught in the various shops at each grade level. The Social Studies committee has been working on revising a curriculum for pupils whose rate of learning is below average. The teachers of the English and Social Studies Departments have been working on a plan for closer articulation of their work with that of other Departments. The program of the school is interpreted so that unity in action may follow unity in planning throughout the school and all its Departments.

Other Activities in the Junior High School

During the year, physical development among the boys has received increased emphasis, especially since Mr. Hawkes' return from the Armed Service. Football, baseball, and basketball have developed and greatly extended under his supervision. Mrs. Tyacke has led the Physical Education activities on the part of the girls.

The students have continued to enjoy the Pitt-Parker Assembly Service provided through the efforts of the Student Organization. These assembly programs have proved worthwhile, instructive, entertaining and enjoyable. A committee from the Student Council makes the selection and all arrangements for these programs. This Council continues to develop under the guidance of Mr. Robinson. Besides the assembly service programs, it has sponsored school parties, noon-day movies, auctions of lost-and-found articles and has held special instructive periods in parliamentary law. One of the Council's chief activities this years was the arrangement of the successful Field Day in the Spring.

The activities in the Junior High School, under the leadership of the teaching corps, are meeting the restrictions necessitated by sharing building space with the Senior High School and two third-grade classes. The Industrial Arts program is cramped because of the High School shop program. The athletic program is limited because of the need of the Senior High School to use the athletic fields and gymnasiums for varsity sports. The Library has had to be turned into a classroom because of the need to house elementary classes in the Junior High School building. In time, these restrictions will probably be eliminated but in the meantime, they have limited the development of the extra-curricular activities for Junior High School pupils.

Special Activities

Elementary Subject-Matter Outlines

The chief activity in the Elementary Schools this year has been a concerted action on the part of all teachers to construct curriculum outlines which will tend to unify the work on each grade level throughout the school system. This work was done by committees meeting each week under the leadership of the two supervising principals, Miss Elizabeth Graham and Miss Dorothy Allard. The general planning of

the procedure was carried out through these two people, under the supervision of the Superintendent. Miss Graham was chairman of the group of primary teachers and Miss Allard of the group of upper-grade teachers. These two groups were further divided to work out curricula for each grade. The curriculum outlines were finished on December first, and are in the hands of each elementary-school teacher. They form an analysis of the subject matter required in each grade in Arithmetic, Language, Music, Physical Education, Reading, Science, Spelling, Writing and Health. These outlines have become a common guide for all teachers of each grade in the Reading Schools. They also set up standards for new teachers coming into the Reading System from other cities and towns. The work has been of high quality and the elementary teachers are to be commended for their intelligent work. The next step in the curiculum organization will be the development of units based on the experiences of pupils with the subject-matter found in the outlines. These units will be used as vehicles for understanding and teaching the fundamental processes on each grade level.

Safety Patrols

At the Highland and Pearl Street Schools, Safety Patrols have been organized. The patrols in each school are composed of groups of pupils who go home in similar directions. Each patrol is under the supervision of a captain, a lieutenant, and two patrolmen. These officers wear white chest straps, belts, and badges. Their task is to lead groups of children along sidewalks to crossings or traffic lights, but never to go into streets or attempt to stop traffic themselves. Safety patrol members are also assigned to each bus. It is their duty to see that children on the busses conduct themselves properly. Any improper conduct is reported to the Safety Council and the case is taken up at the Council Meetings, which are under the supervision of a faculty advisor. The Safety Patrol is not an isolated activity in the school, but is a part of the school itself. In both schools the patrols have received the cooperation of the Police, and have already created a more healthy attitude towards law and order.

Student Councils

At the Pearl Street and Highland Schools, Student Councils have been developed. They have given responsible students opportunity to participate in the administration of many school activities. In the councils, the Principal, or Faculty Advisor, finds time to emphasize and discuss courtesy, good sportsmanship, good health habits, organization and supervision of an indoor sport program, maintenance of traffic committees, supervision of the corridors, management and distribution of milk in the homerooms, the inspection of pupils for cleanliness in the lunchroom, and the respect and care of school property. Topics of this nature are brought up and pupils have an opportunity to exercise

Safety Patrol at the Pearl Street School

judgment, leadership, tolerance, reliability, and initiative in discussing them. Their experiences should aid them in their leadership in the schools and should help develop their personalities.

Use of Public Address System at Pearl Street School

When the public address system was installed at the Pearl Street School, its chief purpose was to make radio programs available in each room. Pupils of the Pearl Street School, however, have used it to broadcast their own programs, initiated and prepared by the pupils in the school. These programs have been of great interest this year in stimulating the learning of poems and songs for clearer diction and expression. They have increased interest in reading. To give a broadcast, a group of pupils have to be well prepared so that what they say will interest their audience. Practicing reading for better enunciation and expression has had an important influence on the speech habits of the pupils. The public address system has also been used to play records for music appreciation. Story-telling records have stimulated a great deal of interest in reading. The "Listen and Learn" educational radio programs are heard regularly by both grades five and six. Broadcasts are also made by officers of the Student Council and members of the Safety Patrol for pep talks and skits, and for announcements relative to their programs. These broadcasts have helped to develop within the school a group consciousness, and sense of team work which probably no other device could foster. The school is fortunate to have this equipment for its use.

Youth Concerts

The music appreciation classes have been of much greater interest this year because of the arrangements made by the School Committee for school students to attend the Youth Concerts at Symphony Hall. There were six of these concerts during the year and they covered a wide range of music which young people understand and appreciate. They included symphony overtures, waltzes, marches, rhythms, and folk music of many countries. Records have been purchased so that pupils may become familiar with the music to be played at the concerts and to review the concert after the students have returned to their classes. This activity has been of great value in promoting an appreciation and understanding of music. It is hoped that more students will take advantage of the opportunity to attend the Youth Concerts during the coming year.

The Visiting Teacher's Work

During the past year, the Visiting Teacher has handled over one hundred situations in which she has tried to free individual children from their worries and misunderstandings and thereby change their behavior in and out of school. The aim of her work is to bring parents

and teachers an understanding of the impact of things which occur at home and at school upon children and result in misunderstanding and misbehavior on the part of these children. Her work begins when a child fails to make satisfactory school progress in line with his ability, or when a child is unable to adjust easily to a normal classroom or playground experiences, or when he resists school controls, or when he is brought to the attention of the visiting teacher because of some out-of-school delinquency. In each instance the visiting teacher interviews these children, observes their school behavior, confers with parents and teachers, and tries to discover what attitudes are blocking normal adjustments. The procedure in these cases is to provide a sympathetic and understanding person who understands him and his difficulty. In parent conferences much helpful insight is given which tends to explain the attitudes a child brings to school. Cases of adolescent adjustment often bring out conscious doubts in the minds of young people regarding their own worth, deep seated inferiorities, accumulations of guilt, indecision, clashes with authority and fear of humiliation or failure. These young people need someone who understands them and their problems and who will build up in them confidence to meet life situations more successfully. Through guidance of this sort the visiting teacher is able to re-direct the behavior of many children and the attitudes of many parents, and thus avoid serious social maladjustments. During the last ten years this type of service given by a visiting teacher has increased and has become of greater importance in public school systems. Experiences in the armed forces have confirmed the need for such service early in the lives of children.

Health Work in the Reading Schools

The health work this year has continued under the supervision of Mrs. Margaret B. Clewley who is a registered nurse, and a holder of a certificate of public health. Her work covers a large area since she not only assists the school physician in the protection and promotion of health of the pupils,—and is a continued source of help to the teachers concerning the health problems met in the classroom,—but she visits individual homes during the afternoon in order to follow up cases of illness which are brought to her attention through the principals and teachers of the various schools. She also supervises the various clinical services, and health and safety instruction. Under her supervision is placed the treatment of handicapped children and the administration of first aid during school hours and on school property. The assistance to the physician is chiefly given by helping him in the health examinations, in prevention and control of communicable diseases and in securing correction for physical defects. To her, also, has been given the supervision of the Dental Clinic.

During the past year the School Nurse reports that the schools have been comparatively free from contagious diseases. Reading escaped

Immunization Clinic at the Highland School

the epidemic of infantile paralysis which has been prevalent in New England. The only serious condition was an increase in whooping cough during December. Because of the increase in the number of cases of diphtheria in Greater Boston and Somerville during October, the School Nurse and the local Board of Health decided to set up a prevention clinic. This clinic administered toxoid "booster" shots to children under twelve years of age who had not received a protective dose within the preceding two years, and started inoculation of children who had received no previous protection. This necessitated a careful survey of the pupils' physical record cards. Two clinics were held, one at Pearl Street School and one at Highland School. At these two clinics a total of 482 children received "booster" shots and 159 received complete inoculations. Dr. Edward M. Halligan and Dr. Charles R. Baisley gave generously of their time to do this work and should receive a great deal of commendation.

During the war period the advance made to eliminate tuberculosis received a set-back and at the present time many people with this disease are unable to receive hospitalization. In the High School the Tuberculosis Prevention Program and the X-raying of students have been continued. This is a preventive measure which is becoming more and more important in our fight against tuberculosis.

Physical examinations are continuing in grades 1, 3, 6, 9, and 12. The Massachusetts Vision Test was introduced last year in grades 1 through 7 and will be extended further each year until all the grades are included. It requires careful work on the part of each teacher to administer the test. Training to do this has taken a great deal of the School Nurse's time. Reading has been very fortunate to have had donated by the Lions' Club a Massachusetts Vision Testing equipment which will enable the pupils to receive more careful vision testing, and to know results earlier in the year.

The care of teeth among the school children has been improved over the preceding year. There are, however, many who cannot afford proper dentistry and the Clinic facilities are not sufficient to care for all of them. This year the Clinic is under the Board of Health and it is hoped the services will gradually be extended.

Education for healthful living is continuing to be developed in our schools. The idea of functional health teaching is growing. New health books purchased last year are being widely used, and health has become an integral part of the program.

Reading Joins New England School Development Council

During the year the New England School Development Council was organized by the superintendents of thirty communities who felt that by pooling the experiences and educational practices of their various

school communities, each community could learn more about its own job and could participate in, and contribute to, the common cause of education in this section of the country. The basic purpose of the Council is to bring about significant improvements in education through broadly based cooperation and participation in educational planning. This would include building up interest in effective school practices, dissemination and exchange of information concerning desirable procedures, development of discussions in lay groups, identification and critical examination of unmet needs in school communities, and studying educational problems of common interest through controlled experimentation and research on a co-operative basis.

The Council is directing studies in the field of school planning, classroom teaching, and development of educational discussion groups composed of teachers and citizens to understand better the function of the schools in a community. There is among educators a feeling that the citizens of any community need to know more fully the function of its schools. It is further felt that by encouragement, example, and leadership, the teachers in our schools can make a significant contribution to education as a whole, if there can be found some vehicle by which the teacher's contributions can be recognized and better understood.

During the year the School Committee has worked long and earnestly on the many difficult problems which had to be faced in the initial steps of the post-war period. These problems have taken a vast amount of time and energy on the part of every member of the Committee. The Superintendent has been given their advice and suggstions, encouragement and criticisms.

I want here to express my sincere appreciation of your understanding of the common task we have had before us. This task is of great importance in the development of a democratic society, and your contribution to it has been wholehearted and sincere.

Respectfully submitted,

ELBRIDGE C. GROVER,

Superintendent of Schools

READING HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Class of 1946

Outdoor Exercises, Junior High School Stadium

Wednesday Afternoon, June Fifth

PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL MARCH

High School Band

RAISING OF FLAG and PLAYING OF COLORS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Led by Class President, Walter Arthur Dagdigian

STAR SPANGLED BANNER — Key-Smith

Audience, Senior Class, and Band

PRAYER—Rev. Payson E. Pierce

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SALUTATORY

"The Fifth Freedom"

Mary Frances Curtin

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TORCH ORATION

Walter Arthur Dagdigian, Class President

ESSAY—"The Youth Replies, I Can"

Winifred K. McLaughlin, Faculty Honors

ESSAY—"Physical Education, Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow"

Richard Bartens Bloom, Class Honors

LO, THERE IS BUILDED A CITY — Witmer

COURAGE — Huhn

A Capella Choir

ESSAY—"The Fork in the Road"

Elaine Chandler, Faculty Honors

ESSAY—"Your Parents and Mine"

Wilmont James Murray, Class Honors

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VALEDICTORY

"Self-Sufficiency"

Shirley Ann Davis

CONFERRING SCHOLASTIC HONORS

Rudolf Sussmann, Headmaster

CERTIFICATION OF CLASS

ACCEPTANCE OF CERTIFICATION OF GRADUATES

Dr. Elbridge C. Grover, Superintendent of Schools

CONFERRING DIPLOMAS

J. Warren Killam, Jr., Chairman of School Board

AMERICA — Smith-Carey

Audience, Senior Class, and Band

BENEDICTION—Rev. Payson E. Pierce

RECESSIONAL MARCH

High School Band

CANDIDATES FOR DIPLOMAS

Barbara Jane Andrews
Jeanette Agnes Arnold
Joan Batting
Joseph Bella
Ruth Marion Bennett
Robert Melvin Berry
Richard Bartens Bloom
Roy James Brogan
Paul Arthur Brown
Howard Chandler Buttrick
Hester Frye Cargill
Joanne Carroll
Elaine Chandler
Nancy Pearl Choate
Jean Moore Cleary
Alice Rosalie Coelho
Edward Francis Conron
Wilda E. Craddock
Dorothy Ann Crosby
Laurence Melvin Crosby
Beverly L. Kelly
Patricia-Ann Langiell
John Henry Le Fave, Jr.
Alice Victoria LeGrow
Lorraine C. Leonard
Elizabeth Ann Louanis
Barbara J. Lowell
Marion Lee Lynch
Malcolm Earl MacLeod
George E. MacPherson
Earl E. Martin
Eunice McCabe
Winifred K. McLaughlin
Jean Carolyn Metcalf
Lloyd R. Mudie
Florence Lorraine Mugford
Frederick Mugford
Evelyn P. Muise
Wilmont James Murray
Stanley Eugene Nickerson

Charles J. Cullinane
Mary Frances Curtin
Walter Arthur Dagdigian
Lillian Helen Dalton
Barbara David
Priscilla Davis
Shirley Ann Davis
Raymond Taylor Dewhurst
Marguerite Louise Donahue
Phyllis Anne Dodge
Maurice H. Donegan, Jr.
Eva Mary Doucette
Rena Frances Doucette
Alfred Stephen Eisenhaure
James Milton Eisenhaure
Beverlee Anne Ellis
Joanna Enos
Marjorie Quimby Farwell
Mabel L. Foster
Constance Foxcroft
Dolores Doreen Garvia
Michael Joseph Gavin, Jr.
Joan Carol Gibson
Rita Margaret Gibson
James Edward Gillespie
Mary Louise Gill
Cathleen H. Gilman
Janice Marie Glynn
Fred Granelli
Leona Marion Greenyer
Carolyn Noel Guy
Ernest Stewart Hickman, Jr.
Marie Irene Hoffer
Charles Russell Hoffman
Richard Gardner Hume
Constance M. Hunkele
Joan M. Ivers
John L. Ivers
Dexter Warren Jacobs
Milton T. Jefferson II
Richard Francis Johnson
Beverly Jean Johnston
Barbara Ann O'Brien
Raymond E. O'Brien
Arlene Ruth Pestana
Zella Marie Peters
Charles Bernard Powers
George Frederick Priestley
Phyllis Chloe Proctor
Francis Quinlan
Antoinette Rigione
Donald Roberts
Allen L. Ryan
Donald Stewart Schofield
Edna Louise Schofield
Shirley Scott
Elizabeth J. Shaw
Barbara Jeanne Skidmore
Beverley Joan Skidmore
Hazel Jean Skinner
Dorothy Smith
George T. Smith
Madeliene Squires
Barbara Ruth Standbridge
Alton Edward Steele
Sally Stembridge
Ednamae Storti
Donald Paul Stratton
Florance Margaret Stratton
Barbara Irene Sullivan
Alice Marie Tarbox
Virginia Jane Thayer
Margaret Patricia Twomey
Cynthia Elizabeth Upton
June Victoria Valido
Mary C. Vasey
Richard Vincent
Lewis George Vorrilas
Henrietta Jane Westall
Philip Rodney White, Jr.
Ethel Whittredge
Marjorie E. Williams
Jean Beryl Wilson
C. Richmond Woodward

REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Reading, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the annual report of the Police Department for the Town of Reading for the year ending December 31, 1946.

Arrests for the Year 1946

Males, 323; Females, 5; Adults, 315; Minors, 13; Residents, 147; Non-Residents, 181; American Born, 301; Foreign Born, 27.

Causes of Arrests

Drunkenness, 133; Assault and Battery, 10; Non-Support, 7; Delinquency, 12; Larceny, 8; Accosting Opposite Sex, 2; Indecent Exposure, 1; A.W.O.L., 2; Breaking and Entering, 1; Escaped Prisoner, 1; Insane, 2; Malicious Damage to Property, 1; Suspicious Person, 1; Violation of the Game Laws, 1; Out-of-Town Warrants, 3; Manslaughter, 1.

Automobile Violations

Operating So As To Endanger, 8; Operating Under The Influence of Liquor, 20; Speeding, 90; Using Car Without Authority, 1; Violation of The Motor Laws, 1; No Sticker, 14; Failure to Stop at Stop Sign, 5; Operating Without a License, 1; Leaving the Scene of an accident without making self known, 2. Total Arrests for The Year, 1946, 328.

Disposition of Cases in Court

Fined, 121; Released, 104; On File, 42; Not Guilty, 16; Probation, 2; Turned over to out-of-town officers, 17; Committed to State Hospital, Worcester, 2; House of Correction, 11; Committed to Lyman School, 1; House of Correction, Suspended, 8; Continued for further disposition 4. Total Cases Disposed of for the Year, 1946, 328.

Amounts of Fines Imposed by Courts

49 Fines at $5.00—$245.00; 43 Fines at $10.00—$430.00; 3 Fines at $15.00—$45.00; 3 Fines at $20.00—$60.00; 5 Fines at $25.00—$125.00; 4 Fines at $35.00—$140.00; 10 Fines at $50.00—$500.00; 1 Fine at $75.00—$75.00; 2 Fines at $80.00—$160.00; 1 Fine at $100.00—$100.00. Total Amount of Fines Imposed, $1,880.00.

Value of Properties Stolen and Recovered

Valuation of Properties as Stolen in Reading	$ 4,206.45
Valuation of Properties Recovered in Reading	3,065.15
Valuation of Properties Recovered for Out of Town Depts.	707.50
Total Value of Properties Recovered During 1946	3,772.65

Miscellaneous Services Rendered by The Police Department, 1946

A wide variety of numerous incidental services which occupy much of the Department's time and attention may be summarized as follows:

Lost children found and returned to their homes, 36; Special guard details for U. S. mail, 49; Fire Department notified of fires, 45; Broken windows found and reported, 16; Dogs shot by Police Officers, 5; Alarms of fire covered, 37; Reports of prowlers investigated, 49; Reports of bad odors received and investigated, 7; Notifications to Boston and Maine railroad, 4; Runaways from home picked up and restored to parents or guardians, 4; Reports of lost property received and recorded, 43; Lost property recovered and turned over to owners, 38; Reports of trees down and tree warden notified, 15; Stray horses returned to owners, 4; Breaks in water mains discovered and department notified, 1; Reports of Manhole Covers Off and Board of Public Works Notified, 9, Assistance rendered to the sick, 22; Stray dogs turned over to dog officer, 5; Teletype messages sent out, 44; Teletype messages sent out for out-of-town departments, 35; Bank lights at night discovered out and authorities notified, 3; Vacant Property Checked for Security, 128; Gas Leaks reported and Company notified, 3; Dead bodies removed and taken care of, 7; Notifications to Electric Light Dept., 39; Reports of dog bites received and recorded, 4; Complaints of indecent exposure received and investigated, 3; Dog officer notifications, 36; Reports of bicycles stolen received and recorded, 12; Complaints of peepers received and investigated, 12; Street lights discovered broken and reported, 3; Reports of stray pigs received and investigated, 4; Reports of gunshot wounds received and recorded, 3; Assistance to Wilmington Police Department in making arrests, 4; Doors found open and secured, 203; Serious sickness signs put out, 4; Summons delivered, 247; Reports of stray cows received and investigated, 14; Messages delivered, 179; Special traffic details at railroad depot, 210; Complaints of family trouble received and investigated, 39; Miscellaneous complaints received, 209; Traffic details on all school days maintained; Miscellaneous cases investigated, 219; Missing persons reported, 6; Reports of local servicemen A.W.O.L. received from the military authorities and investigated, 4; Notifications to Highway Department regarding street and other conditions, 72; Transients put up at the station for the night, 25; Miscellaneous permits issued by the Chief for work on Sunday, soliciting, etc., 22; Medical examiner notified regarding death cases, 7.

Automobile Accidents

Total number of automobile accidents reported for the year, 1946, 457. Fatal accidents, 1; Accidents involving damage to property, 362; Accidents involving personal injury, 154; Accidents involving taking persons to a doctor for treatment, 83; Accidents involving taking persons to hospitals, 37; Accidents involving children, 41; Dogs struck or killed by automobiles, 70.

Mileage of Various Automobile Units

Plymouth Cruiser, No. 1 travelled 33,734 miles; The former Cruiser, No. 2, a 1942 Plymouth, travelled 9,083 miles from Jan. 1, 1946 to May 6, 1946 when it was turned in towards the purchase of a 1946 Ford Super DeLuxe, now Cruiser No. 2, which has travelled 20,863 miles; The Chief's Packard has travelled 2,691 miles and the ambulance, 3,377 miles. From the date of their respective purchase, to December 31, 1946, the mobile units of the Department have mileage totals as follows: Plymouth, Car No. 1, 72,770 miles; Ford, Car No. 2, 20,863 miles; Chief's Packard, 32,611 miles; Ambulance, 42,932 miles.

Bicycle Registration

A widespread interest in bicycle registration has been evidenced by the fact that 330 registration certificates were issued during the year, 1946. This makes a total of 2,177 certificates issued from the date of the inception, March 9, 1942. The amount of $82.50 representing fees received for registration, was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Police Ambulance Records

During the year, 1946, the Police made the following trips with the Ambulance:

Winchester Hospital, 76; Baker Memorial Hospital, 3; Choate Memorial Hospital, 28; Melrose Nursing Home, 3; Lovell General Hospital, Fort Devens, Ayer, Mass.; 1; St. John's Hospital, Lowell, 12; Massachusetts General Hospital, 14; Massachusetts Memorial Hospital, 1; Boston Psychopathic Hospital, 2; Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, 3; Deaconness Memorial Hospital, 1; Melrose Hospital, 9; North Andover Nursing Home, 2; Worcester State Hospital for the Insane, 1; New England Baptist Hospital, 2; Lakeville Sanitarium, 1; New England Sanitarium, 2; Veteran's Hospital, West Roxbury, 2; Christian Science Home, Brookline, 1; Mass. Institute of Technology Hospital, Cambridge, 1; Malden Hospital, 1; Boston Lying-In-Hospital, 2; Clover Hill, Lawrence, 3; To South Station, Boston, 1; Within Town Limits, including trips to various nursing homes, mortuaries, etc., 16. Total number of trips made by the Ambulance for the year, 1946, 188 which is an increase of 14 trips over those made during 1945. The amount of $533.00 received in payment for the use of the Ambulance, has been turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Auxiliary Police

During the course of the past year on several occasions, the Auxiliary Police have been called on for duty. They have rendered able assistance in supplementing the work of the regular Dept., and, acknowledging their aid, I desire to extend to them my appreciation for their efforts.

IN MEMORIAM

Patrick Long

Born, Feb. 22, 1886 Died, Feb. 22, 1946

Officer Long was appointed a Special Police Officer, November 1, 1919, and a regular Patrolman, November 1, 1920.

Department Personnel Changes

Thomas E. Wall was appointed Acting Chief of Police, August 23, 1946.

Paul F. Junkins appointed a temporary patrolman, July 1, 1946.

James P. McDonough appointed a temporary patrolman, December 11, 1946.

Edward M. Hubbard appointed a temporary patrolman, December 13, 1946.

Francis L. Johnson, due to illness, went on inactive duty December 5, 1946 and is now pending retirement.

John F. Beaudoin and William H. Faulkner were appointed permanent patrolmen, December 30, 1946.

Recommendations

The present radio equipment is now nine years old and has deteriorated to such an extent that constant repairs are required to keep it running. Maximum efficiency cannot be expected or maintained with the present out-moded equipment as parts are no longer being manufactured for replacements. I accordingly recommend the purchase and installation of new radio equipment.

As previously stated in this report, Cruiser No. 1, a 1942 Plymouth has travelled 72,770 miles and should be replaced with a new car.

I further recommend that the force be increased by the appointment of two additional, temporary patrolmen.

Conclusion

In conclusion, I wish to extend my appreciation to the Honorable Board of Selectmen, the Judges of the Superior and Woburn District Courts, the Clerks of our Courts, our local press, the members of the Department and various Town Departments, and all others who have assisted in promoting the welfare of the Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS E. WALL,
Acting Chief of Police

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as dog officer to December 31, 1946.

I have canvassed the town to see that all dogs were licensed. Unlicensed and strayed dogs have been found and disposed of as follows:

134 have been destroyed
46 have been returned to owners
10 have been killed in hen yards while killing hens
10 pigs destroyed by dogs
30 rabbits destroyed by dogs
85 hens destroyed by dogs
21 dog bites
86 dogs were killed by autos
563 complaints investigated
2428 miles have been covered

At this time I wish to thank the Police Department for their help to me.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES H. MELENDY,
Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE

1946

Food Production was of the utmost importance during 1946 and the main effort of the Extension Service was along this line. Through meetings, radio, farm and home visits, county bulletin, news releases and calls in person and by telephone at the office, assistance was given to as many people as possible.

Fruit growers this year were interested especially in knowing more about frost damage and its prevention and the latest materials to use in spraying to overcome insects and diseases. Because of the wet season there was a severe infestation of scab and growers required all the assistance possible to produce a good quality crop. Twilight meetings of interest to local growers were held in various parts of the county. Information was sent out to local papers and through town libraries as well as over the radio to help all those interested in home gardens.

Three projects were emphasized to assist those interested in poultry —namely, Better Use of Ranges; Brooding and Rearing; Disease Control and Sanitation.

Of interest to dairymen, the Selective Breeding Association and the Herd Improvement Association were developed and expanded during the year.

Because of the many food shortages experienced during the year, homemakers were given assistance to help them in problems in feeding their families the right food essential to health despite the shortages. Demonstrations and illustrated talks were given on: When Meat is Scarce; Sugar-Saving Desserts; Use of Available Foods; Oil-Sparing Salad Dressings. Homemakers were interested in clothing renovation and Short Cuts and Speed Tricks in clothing construction. Food preservation was the main project followed during the summer to assist homemakers in the best procedure to inspire satisfaction in home canning and preparation of foods for freezing.

4-H Club work was carried on under the direction of the 4-H Committee of which Lois Connor was chairman. There were nine 4-H clubs in clothing, crafts and agriculture—the latter being for boys and girls interested in gardening, poultry, and livestock. These clubs were under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Crowe, Mrs. Walter Connor and Miss Lois Connor, Mrs. Reta Caisse, Mrs. John O'Brien, Sr. Miss Shirley Nelson and Miss Gwendolyn Dean were blue ribbon winners in the County Dress Revue. Shirley was also blue ribbon winner in the State Dress Revue. Ernest Boyd was awarded $10 by the Massachusetts Society for Promoting Agriculture on his excellent dairy work. William Towle and Kenneth Hickman were each awarded $5 by the same society his poultry work. Dulena Crowe was awarded a General MacArthur medal on her excellent garden work. Club members exhibited at the Grange Fair Garden Exhibit and held a Country Fair at the home of the 4-H Chairman, Lois Connor. Mrs. Howard Crowe made a valuable contribution to the county 4-H camp as a member of the County Committee on Camping. Miss Lois Connor was a craft counselor and did the first aid work at the Camp during the seven weeks. Shirley Nelson also co-operated as an assistant cook. The winter season was brought to a fitting close with a 4-H exhibit and program at the Pearl Street School.

REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL

To the Law Committee of the Town of Reading:

I submit my report as Town Counsel for the year 1946 as follows:

The suit brought in the Middlesex Superior Court for $2,000. resulting from an accident which occurred on Salem Street has been settled under authority of vote of your Committee for $300. Action has been commenced in the Middlesex Superior Court against the Board

of Appeal affecting the use, under the zoning by-law, of a certain parcel of real estate located at the corner of Salem and Harrison Streets. The pleadings have been completed in behalf of the Town and the case is continued on the docket until reached for trial. During the year the case pending in the Middlesex Superior Court, as the result of an accident with one of the Town trucks, was settled by the insurance company. Also the death case for $50,000. pending in the Middlesex Superior Court resulting from an accident in Wilmington involving the Municipal Light Department was defended by the insurance company before a jury which brought in a verdict in behalf of the Town. Four claims have been made against the Town for alleged damages sustained as the result of accidents. Two claims have been settled and the other two have not been made the subject of litigation. There are still pending three cases in the Courts.

Three cases have been commenced in the Land Court for the foreclosure of tax liens and two of the cases were disposed of by payment of the taxes and costs to the Town. The remaining case has been continued on the docket and will be disposed of in the near future. Three cases which were commenced in 1945 were disposed of this year by the entry of decrees foreclosing all rights of redemption thereunder.

Two cases were commenced during the year before the Appellate Tax Board involving assessments of real estate and one case has been disposed of by trial resulting in a favorable decision for the Town and the other case was dismissed because of want of prosecution.

Titles have been examined to five parcels of land acquired by the Town for the Public Parking Place and the necessary land has been acquired therefor with the appurtenant entrances and exits and the contract and other documents were prepared for the construction of the Public Parking Place.

Another parcel of land has been acquired by the Town for the proposed new Elementary School building on Summer Avenue. Contract for the transportation of school children was drafted.

Through proceedings brought in the Probate Court and otherwise, sums of money have been recovered by the Town on account of taxes which were abated under the applicable provisions of the statute.

A codification of the Traffic Regulations with certain amendments was made during the year and it is expected that the completed regulations will be made effective as soon as the full use of the Municipal Parking Place has been obtained.

Two contracts were prepared with architects relating to the proposed Elementary School building on Summer Avenue and the addition to the Municipal Garage in connection with the Town's application for Federal Aid for advance planning for non-Federal works.

As provided by the regulations of the Town, I have performed every

professional act required by me in the performance of the duties of my office, including in part, appearances in Court and hearings before Boards or Commissions, prosecution of claims in behalf of the Town and for all violations of Town by-laws, opinions to all Town Boards, investigation of claims against the Town, drafting release deeds, and other legal documents necessary in connection with municipal activities, by-laws, articles and motions for Town Meetings, Traffic and other rules and regulations, licenses, permits and such other legal matters referred to me for attention.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL H. DAVIS,

Town Counsel

REPORT OF THE FOREST WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The department has responded to 267 grass and brush fires in 1946. This is an increase of 120 over 1945. The principal causes of these fires continues the same, improper incinerators, carelessness, indifference and maliciousness. Five buildings have been damaged by grass fires. Eight have been apprehended for setting fires.

On December 11 a serious fire in 100 Acre Meadows, which was the result of railroad employees burning grass in Wilmington, endangered buildings and the Town Forest. Due to the fact that the State forest fire towers were closed, this fire had gained great headway before the department was notified. With the combined efforts of the entire department, aid from eight outside departments, assistance of the Public Works, Moth Department, and civilians the fire was halted before reaching the Town Forest and two other fires which occurred at the same time were extinguished without damage.

The Fire Patrol has been maintained on dangerous days, and have prevented many calls for the department by discovering and extinguishing fires out of control and ordering the extinguishing of improper or illegal fires.

Respectfully submitted,

CHIEF HUGH L. EAMES

Forest Warden

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

January 1, 1947

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Town of Reading, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Animals for the year January 1, 1946 to January 1, 1947.

Twenty one dogs were quarantined for inflicting personal injuries, and twenty dogs released after the period of quarantine expired. One dog still remains in quarantine, as the confinement period has not elapsed.

The number of dogs quarantined this year decreased by sixteen over the previous year.

The annual inspection of all livestock in the State was again resumed this fall after a lapse of a number of war years. In the Town of Reading, there were found to be 171 neat cattle, 507 swine, 28 horses, 28 sheep, and 47 goats. During the inspection, there were very few cases of Contagious Infectious Diseases noted.

Respectfully submitted,
GARDINER A. LESTER, D.V.M.
Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEAL FOR THE YEAR, 1946

During the year just past, the Board of Appeal held eight hearings under the Zoning By-laws, of which three were granted and five denied. Records of all hearings are on file with the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,
HERBERT T. SCHOPPELRY, Chairman
CLIFTON S. NICHOLS, Secretary
DUDLEY B. KILLAM
Board of Appeal

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

For the Year 1946

Valuation of Taxable Property

Buildings, exclusive of land		$ 13,858,555
Land, exclusive of buildings		3,579,040
Personal Estate		805,274
Total Taxable Valuation		$ 18,242,869
Amount Appropriated for Town Purposes	$ 1,110,614.60	
Amount to be paid for State and County Taxes	62,929.03	

Amount of Overlay		18,718.75
		$1,192,262.38
Less Estimated Receipts	$ 381,202.68	
Excise Tax	10,000.00	
Available Funds	99,712.85	490,915.53
Net Amount to be raised on Polls and Property		701,346.85

Tax Rate 1946 — $38.00 per M.

Recapitulation

Real Estate Tax	$662,628.61
Personal Tax	30,600.24
Poll Tax	8,118.00
Excise Tax	15,757.45
Moth Assessment	733.77
Siedwalk and Curbing	970.01
House Connections	267.89
Sewer	441.29
Highway	1,807.77
Plowing	60.00
Water Liens	240.67
December Commitment	114.00
Additional Polls	98.00
	$721,837.70

Valuations Comparison

	1945	1946	Inc.	Dec.
Valuation of Buildings	$13,403,855	$13,858,555	$ 454,700	
Valuation of Land	3,482,015	3,579,040	97,025	
Valuation of Personal Property	793,052	805,274	12,222	
Valuation of Town Property	1,903,295	1,886,920		16,375
Valuation of Exempted Property	609,060	740,910	131,850	
Valuation of Excise Tax	298,560	582,360	283,800	
Total Town Valuation	$20,489,837	$21,435,059	$ 979,597	$ 16,375
Net Change in Valuation			$ 963,222	

HAROLD B. CURRELL
RALPH T. HORN

Board of Assessors

IN MEMORIAM

Major Frank E. Gray

Assessor

1868 — 1946

The Reading Board of Assessors feels a great loss in the passing of one of its members, Major Frank E. Gray.

"Cap" served on the Board of Assessors from March 1942 to May 1946. He was an agreeable and willing worker, striving at all times to carry on the work of this Department.

Those who knew him will miss him. We mark his passing with regret.

Reading Public Library

ANNUAL REPORT

Board of Trustees

And

Librarian

For

1946

Addition to Public Library
Town of Reading Mass.
WILLARD P. ADDEN AND SHEPBURNE J. WATTS
ARCHITECTS.

Still in the Dream Stage

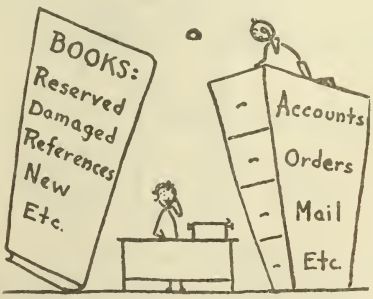
or

Occasionally a Nightmare

by
The Board of Trustees
READING PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Public Library, you were informed a year ago, needs more room and it is not necessary to inform regular patrons this year that no additional space has been made available. They know all too well of the crowded areas where quiet and relaxation should traditionally prevail but where an atmosphere of confusion will at times make itself disconcertingly felt.

That the public has been tolerant of these conditions is appreciated by the Library administrators. That the staff has been able to operate with such efficiency should recommend them to the townspeople as meriting every confidence and deserving of all co-

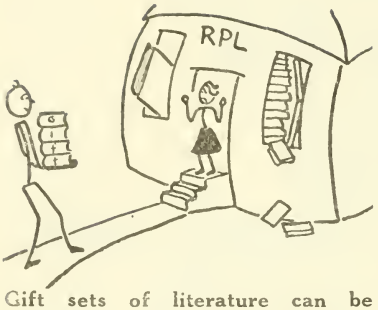


Librarians have no work space or privacy in their postage stamp-sized office!

Periodicals and newspapers must be piled on a few small tables in an overcrowded reading room

operation. Living in a crowded house is not convenient, nor even economical, as many families with first-hand encounters with the home shortage will agree. Operating a municipal department—including the Public Library—with too little space for storage, work and public contact is not completely satisfactory to your department heads or to the public that is to be served.

That is why the Trustees of the Public Library have secured a plan whereby the Library can fill its complete place as a source of public enlightenment. The matter is still in the dream stage and we presume that, under present conditions, it must remain so. We



Gift sets of literature can be received but not properly displayed due to lack of space

nevertheless desire that the need and the proposed remedy be kept before the townspeople that they may be ready to take the necessary steps when the proper time comes.

One needs but to look around and use his common sense to know that the plea of overcrowding is not new or unwarranted. A little at a time the book shelves have been built in to encroach upon the reading rooms. It thus becomes necessary in the remaining overcrowded space to pile periodicals and newspapers on a few small tables. Unscrambling your favorite magazine from the heap is frequently as difficult—but not so intriguing—as the old-time game of jack-straws.

The Trustees during the past year have been pleased to receive the offer of gifts in the form of sets of books or better-class periodicals. All such gifts are gratefully received but at the present time we are not able to make the fullest possible use of them. Two factors must be met, storage and availability.

To find convenient storage space for these gifts we frequently must put them where they will not be available for regular use. If we put them out where they can be used we must take something from general circulation and put it in dead storage. We will accept, however, and will continue to seek all such gifts which people seem inclined to bestow, for we still have faith that someday the proposed stack room will be a reality and not a dream; and the matter of keeping books actively in circulation will be a joy and not a nightmare.

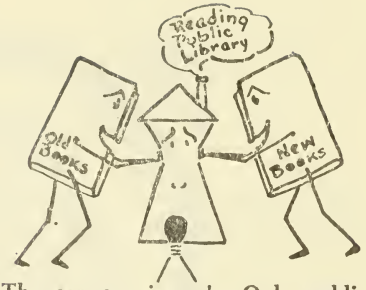
The room wherein we store the less active books, as well as the files of the local newspaper and standard periodicals, together with valuable out-of-print books and published town records, is totally inadequate for this purpose nor does it give the protection which some of these valuable volumes require. Students and persons doing research frequently go to this room to consult the source material which the successful prosecution of their study requires, but indeed it is no place for one with claustrophobia.

Tiny room containing valuable records, books and periodicals gives the research student claustrophobia

Congestion of this sort has been borne by the public for several years and some have complained. They, however, must put up with the conditions only once in a while when they visit the Library.

The Library staff itself faces a similar situation day after day. The lack of work space is an all-around handicap. The so-called office is but an alcove off the reading room and in this postage stamp-size compartment they must conduct business which should often have complete privacy and be free from the interruptions which continually occur because the office is so near the main reading room. There is much detailed work to be done but scant space in which to do it.

The Library Trustees last year presented in their report the plans and estimated cost for the erection of a stack room as an addition to the Public Library facilities. Such an addition would solve our problems. Just after the close of our fiscal year the Trustees were advised, through Congressman Angier L. Goodwin, that the Town of Reading had been allocated $2,800 as a loan from the Federal Works Agency, Bureau of



The squeeze is on! Only public action will relieve the pressure

Community Facilities, for the preparation of detailed plans for the proposed Library addition.

We take this opportunity to point out that your Library is ready with plans and a program of expansion. Land for the proposed addition is available and already owned by the town. In fact the Library is the only department with completed plans and site ready to accommodate any contemplated expansion. It is only a question of finances and that rests entirely with the voters.

The squeeze is still on, with much wanted old books on one hand and attractive new books on the other, and with the Library in the middle. The pressure can be relieved only by public action.

The Board of Library Trustees

William S. Tonks, chairman
Katherine C. Pierce, secretary
C. Nelson Bishop
Christie W. Fowle
Sydney M. Hodson
Neil C. Robinson

Five of the Trustees wish to take this opportunity to express regret that Mrs. Fowle is retiring from the board this year. Her services have been helpful to the board and valuable to the town.

IN MEMORY OF

READING PUBLIC LIBRARY

The following books were given as memorials during the past year:

Great White Hills of New Hampshire — for Arthur F. Thomas
Hawthorne Short Stories — for Mrs. Helen Sawyer
500 Years in Art and Illustration
Canadian Painters
Music in Western Civilization
Water Color at Large — for Lester Riley
An American Year — for Lawrence B. Lewis
Design from Peasant Art — for Mrs. Florence Trevor
Dresden China — for Mrs. Grace Fowle
Antiques for the Home
Old American Houses and How to Restore Them — for Mrs. Caroline L. Knox
Handbook of Popular Antiques
Opaque Glass — for Mrs. Elmer Anderson
Garden Bulbs in Color — for Henry P. Jacob
Steelways of New England — for John A. Loring

Librarian's Report

To the Trustees of the Reading Public Library:—

I herewith present my report for 1946.

The Library is gradually getting back to its pre-war levels, with the circulation rising to nearly 100,00 again,—a gain of a little less than 7000 this year.

There was a large increase in the children's room, and a greater number loaned to the schools (4920) than ever before. The story hour during the summer, and the Christmas story hour held on the Monday before the holiday were very popular and well attended.

The pupils from High School and Junior High, as well as those at college, keep us busy afternoons and evenings with reference questions.

We have received many books as gifts. The Reading Society of Craftsmen have given us *Handicrafts of the Southern Highlands.* The Book Group of the Reading Woman's Club gave *Thoreau's Walden, The Lowells and Their Seven Worlds,* and *The Romance of English Literature.*

A $500 trust fund was donated by Mrs. Susan Tuttle and her daughter, Miss Mildred Tuttle, in memory of Donald N. Tuttle, Jr. A suitable plaque has been made and hung near the front door, on which are the names, and space for others, of those for whom trust funds have been given to the Library. Two names are on this plaque at the present time,—Horace G. Wadlin and Donald N. Tuttle, Jr.

We also were presented with a framed picture of the American flag, by Mr. W. E. Quinn.

Public Library Expense Account

Salaries		
Appropriation — $6700.		
10/22 Transfer 75.		
Librarian		$ 1,916.46
Assistants		3,942.10
Janitor		903.00
		$ 6,761.56
Maintenance — $3300.		
Transfer 110.		
Fuel, light, water, sewer		$ 611.06
Telephone		51.24

Printing and Supplies			320.89
Maintenance and Repairs			213.24
Books and Periodicals			1,964.94
Binding			213.79
Miscellaneous			19.45
			$ 3,394.61
Balance unexpended and returned to revenue			
On Salaries			13.44
On maintenance			15.39

Receipts

Fines Collected			$ 844.57
Fees from Out of Town Borrowers			11.00
			$ 855.57
Paid to Town Treasurer			855.57
Balance December 31, 1946			00.00

Circulation Report

Volumes in Library, Dec. 31, 1945			27,062
Volumes bought			
Adult fiction	335		
Adult non-fiction	332		
		667	
Juvenile fiction	312		
Juvenile non-fiction	105		
		417	
Reference Books		11	
Gifts		132	
		1,227	1,227
			28,289
Withdrawn during the year			925
Total number volumes, Dec. 31, 1946			27,364
Circulation			
Adult			
Fiction	49,325		
Non-fiction	14,119		
Periodicals	6,788	70,232	70,232

Juvenile			
Fiction	20,739		
Non-fiction	2,689		
Periodicals	921		
Loaned to schools	4,920	29,269	29,269
Total circulation in 1946			99,501
Total circulation in 1945			92,739
Gain			6,762
New Borrowers registered			
Adult	453		
Juvenile	259		
Total new borrowers			712
Number days Library open			301
Average daily circulation			
Adult			233.32
Juvenile			97.23
Borrowed from other libraries			29
Loaned to other libraries			14

Respectfully,

GRACE J. ABBOTT.

Form of Bequest

I hereby give and bequeath to the Town of Reading the sum of..... to have and to hold, the income only of which shall be used for.....

....

for the Reading Public Library.

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN J. O'BRIEN

DEPUTY CHIEF

John J. O'Brien became a call member of the Reading Fire Department September 1, 1911, was appointed a permanent fireman September 6, 1916 and advanced to Lieutenant and Captain. January 12, 1931 he was appointed Deputy Chief, attended fireman training schools and became the Drill Master of the department.

During World War II his untiring service instructing the Auxiliary Fire Service gave the town one of the best trained auxiliary groups in the state.

By the passing of Deputy Chief O'Brien the department has lost an efficient officer and most capable fireman.

NINETY-SECOND FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The report of the Reading Fire Department for the year 1946 is hereby submitted.

Manual Force

The permanent force consists of thirteen permanent men including the Chief. Two men were added when the seventy hour week went into effect on July first.

After the death of Deputy Chief O'Brien, Captain Charles H. Heselton was advanced to Deputy Chief, Lieutenant Herbert L. Robertson to Captain and Senior Private George W. Goodridge to Lieutenant.

One permanent fireman has been retired and another retirement is pending.

There are 15 full time and 7 half time call men.

Auxiliary Fire Service

The Auxiliary Fire Service has carried on as a most valuable aid to the department.

Apparatus

Central Station: 1937 Packard Chief's car equipped with two-way radio communication with the Police Station; Engine 1, a 1000 gallon per minute Seagrave pumping engine purchased in 1934; Engine 3, a 600 gallon per minute Seagrave pumping engine purchased in 1929; Engine 4, a 1932 Chevrolet engine used for grass and forest fires and equipped with a 100 gallon portable pump and a 500 gallon front-end pump; Ladder 1, a 65 foot Seagrave Junior Aerial truck with a 200 gallon pump and carrying first aid and emergency equipment.

Woburn Street Station: Engine 2, a 400 gallon per minute Seagrave pumping engine purchased in 1926; Engine 5 a 1938 Chevrolet with a 400 gallon front-end pump which is manned by the Auxiliary Fire Service.

Engine 3 has been painted and necessary repairs for the upkeep of all apparatus has been made. The fire fighting equipment loaned to the town by the Office of Civilian Defense has been purchased. This consists of a 500 gallon per minute trailer pump; a 500 gallon per minute skid pump mounted in a trailer built by the permanent men, the 500

gallon front-end pump on Engine 4, 1½ and 2½ inch hose, and various accessories.

While this is not major fire fighting equipment it has been used at times for pumping at forest fires thus relieving the other engines to return to the stations and be in service for other fires.

Fire Stations

Repairs have been made to the slate roof of the Central Station and a new heating boiler, with an oil burner, has been installed and will be in service within a few days, replacing the old coal burning heater which has been condemned.

The Woburn Street Station has received only minor repairs.

Service Record

The department has responded to 118 bell alarms, 9 of which were false: 343 still and telephone calls, including one false and 112 service calls, a total of 573. This is an increase of 45 over 1945.

The estimated fire loss was $26,611.00, a decrease of $23,316.11 from 1945.

Feet of hose laid: 23,400 of ¾ inch, 30,700 of 1½ inch, 22,000 of 2½ inch: 229 booster tanks, 1,751 feet of ladder has been raised including 27 times the 65 foot aerial ladder used: 15 Salvage covers have been spread; Engines have pumped 28½ hours: the cellar pump 37 hours and the lighting unit has operated 8¼ hours.

Extinguishers used: foam 1; carbon dioxide 18; Soda Acid 5; Carbon-tetachloride 1.

Fifteen fires of unknown, suspicious, or incendiary origin have been investigated by inspectors from the State Fire Marshals' office, the local Police and the Fire Chief.

There have been 14 minor injuries to firemen and 1 civilian was effected by the inhalation of fumes from an out of door fire.

Much dangerous explosive chemicals, ammunition, etc., has been received or confiscated by this department and turned over to state authorities for disposal.

In co-operation with State Inspectors, inspections have been made of the twelve nursing homes in this town.

Recommendations

With the growth of the town and the difficulty of obtaining call firemen I believe that the permanent force should be increased including the manning of the Woburn Street Station. The purchase of air masks

and the installation of an oil burner and sump pump in the Woburn Street Station. Also new cellar stairs and a cement floor should be installed in the Woburn Street Station.

Conclusion

In conclusion I wish to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen for their co-operation, the members of the department and the Auxiliary Fire Service for their efficient work, outside departments which have come to our assistance in time of need, the employees of the New England Telephone Company for their able assistance in the receiving and transmitting of emergency calls, the Moth Department for assistance at forest fires, the personnel of the State Marshal's Office, our local Police for assistance at fires and investigations, and the town departments and citizens for their assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH L. EAMES, Chief

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The inability to obtain material has prevented the continuation of the Fire Alarm Extension program. A small amount of underground cable has been installed on Woburn Street and one new fire alarm box, 241, installed at Summer Avenue and Glen Road.

Box 34, North Main Street and Hampshire Road was demolished beyond repair on January 10th by a stolen car and was replaced.

There is need of many additional fire alarm boxes and also many of the older boxes should be replaced. These older boxes, two of which were installed in 1888, do not have the non-interfering features of the modern fire alarm box and have at times been the cause of preventing the proper receipt of an alarm by the department.

Respectfully submitted,

CHIEF HUGH L. EAMES

Superintendent

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF WIRES

Honorable Board of Selectmen

Reading, Massachusetts.

Gentlement:

I herewith submit my annual report as Inspector of Wires for the Town of Reading for the term ending December 31, 1946.

During the past year I have inspected all electric wiring where a permit has been taken out and is classified as follows:

Heat control units	46
Oil burners (power)	164
Repair and alterations	211
Electric fans	1
Water heaters	33
Ranges	28
Gas pumps	5
Garages (commercial)	3
Garages (private)	1
New services	28
Motors	13
Coal stokers	4
Fire repairs	3
New dwellings	49
Electric signs	7
Refrigerators (commercial)	6
Total permits issued	602
Re-inspections	231
Total inspections	833

In conclusion I wish to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen for their co-operation throughout the year and and all others who have assisted in any way for the successful operation of this office during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
ALBERT C. MAXWELL,
Inspector of Wires

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES
for the year 1946

To the Board of Selectmen

Town of Reading

Gentlemen:

The following is a summary of the work completed by the Department of Weights and Measures for the year 1946.

Work performed from Jan. 1, 1946 to Dec. 31, 1946 inclusive.

	Adjusted	Sealed	Not Sealed	Condemned
I—Scales:				
Platform, 100 to 5,000 lbs. ..	3	5		
Platform, over 10,000 lbs. ..		3		
Counter, under 100 lbs.	2	9		
Spring, under 100 lbs.	5	10		
Computing, under 100 lbs. ..	18	45		
Personal Weigher, slot		2		
Prescription		3		
II—Weights:				
Avoirdupois		44		
Opothecary		24		
Metric		14		
III—Volumetric Measures:				
Liquid Measures		4		
IV—Automatic Liquid Measuring Devices:				
Gasoline pumps	16	53		1
Grease measuring devices ..		7		
V—Linear Measures:				
Yard Sticks		8		
	44	231		1

Work performed from Jan. 1, 1946 to Dec. 31, 1946 inclusive.

Commodity:

	Total No. Tested	No. Correct	Incorrect Under	Incorrect Over
Bread	20	17	1	2
Butter	6	6		
Dry Commodities	30	26	2	2
Flour	6	5	1	
Grain and Feed	10	10		
Meat and Provisions	6	6		
Potatoes	15	9	2	4
	93	79	6	8

Summary of Inspections

Inspection of pedlers licenses	2
Transient vendors	1
Clinical Thermometers	1
Pedlers Scales	2
Junk Scales	1

CARL M. SMITH

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

for the year ended

December 31, 1946

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

To the Citizens of the Town of Reading:

The Board of Public Works submits herewith its Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1946.

The Board met and organized on March 4, 1946. Wendell P. Davis was re-elected Chairman; Alexander Lindsay was re-elected Secretary; Philip Welch was reappointed as Superintendent.

Regularly scheduled Board meetings were held during the year, as were several special meetings and conferences. Individual members of the Board were appointed to and served on special committees.

Public Hearings were advertised and held on street acceptances, sewer extensions, drainage easements, New England Telephone and Telegraph Company and Municipal Light Department pole locations, etc. Acting as the Board of Survey, several hearings were held on proposed housing developments, and establishing lines and grades on existing private ways and proposed new streets.

Petitions for sewer extensions, storm drains, water mains, granolithic sidewalk construction, granite curbing installation, and other services have been filed with the Board far beyond the limits of the annual budget allotments. The Board has endeavored to install the various utilities requested in the order of their greatest need and value to the community. Sanitary sewer extensions have become particularly urgent, as overflowing cesspools on several streets in which sewers are not available have created a distinct health menace to entire neighborhoods.

Storm water drainage installations are also becoming urgent, with new building developments in districts not served by existing storm water drains creating serious problems, in addition to existing inadequate storm drains in many sections of the town.

Water main extensions and services are expected to materially increase in 1947, providing building materials are available. A number of developments have been started, and cellars constructed, in various parts of Reading, most of which will require water main extensions.

The Board has endeavored to cooperate with other Town Boards and Departments during the past year and acknowledges the courtesy, help and cooperation extended to them by the other Town Departments. The Board also wishes to express its appreciation to its employees for the willingness with which they have worked for long hours under adverse weather conditions and during emergencies.

Reference is made to the report of the Superintendent, which follows this report, for a more detailed account of the activities of the various divisions comprising the Board of Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

WENDELL P. DAVIS, Chairman
ALEXANDER LINDSAY, Secretary
EDWARD A. BROPHY
HAROLD W. PUTNAM
EDWARD TEER

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the Board of Public Works:

Gentlemen:

As required by Section 4, Chapter 118 of an act authorizing the Town of Reading to establish a Board of Public Works, I respectfully submit for your consideration the twenty-sixth annual report of the Department of Public Works, (Water, Highway, Sewer and Park) including a financial report of each department, and a chronicle of the principal work performed with recommendations for the coming year.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Maintenance Account:

Appropriation and Transfers	$ 71,000.00

Expenditures:

1. Office Maintenance:		
Pay Roll	$ 4,117.58	
Supplies, Printing, etc.	841.55	
Insurance	1,546.00	
Miscellaneous	236.30	
		$ 6,741.43
2. Pumping Station Costs:		
Station No. 1 Mill St.		
Pay Roll	$ 361.31	
Light, Phone, Fuel	381.23	
Miscellaneous	14.24	
		$ 756.78

	Station No. 2, Strout Ave.		
	Pay Roll	$ 1,834.14	
	Light and Power	5,437.82	
	Phone and Fuel	198.71	
	Misc. Supplies and Repairs	729.34	
			$ 8,200.01
	Filtration Plant		
	Pay Roll	$ 1,288.34	
	Engrs. Weston and Sampson	947.42	
	Supplies and Sand	1,624.45	
			$ 3,860.21
3.	Well Line:		
	Pay Roll	$ 954.89	
	Supplies and Fittings	331.82	
			$ 1,286.71
4.	Maintenance of Meters:		
	Pay Roll	$ 2,159.63	
	Supplies, Misc.	657.74	
			$ 2,817.37
5.	Maintenance of Service Pipes:		
	Pay Roll	$ 6,278.46	
	Supplies and Misc.	1,743.10	
			$ 8,021.56
6.	Maintenance of Main Pipes:		
	Pay Roll	$ 282.66	
	Supplies and Misc.	196.92	
			$ 479.58
7.	Maturing Bonds		$ 4,000.00
8.	Bond Interest		50.00
9.	Garage Maintenance:		
	Fuel Oil	$ 385.08	
	Lights and Phone	66.98	
	Supplies and Misc.	210.00	
			$ 662.06

10. Main Pipe Construction:			
Pay Roll	$ 3,886.56		
Pipe	2,264.39		
Supp. and Misc.	3,308.69		
Equip. hire	1,685.38		
		$ 11,145.02	
11. Service Pipe Construction:			
Pay Roll	$ 3,280.93		
Supp. and Misc.	4,817.13		
Pipe	321.17		
Equip. hire	99.36		
		$ 8,518.59	
12. Meter Construction:			
New Meters		$ 380.10	
13. Hydrant Maintenance:			
Pay Roll	$ 256.46		
Misc. and Supplies	885.66		
		$ 1,142.12	
14. Miscellaneous:			
Pay Roll General	$ 4,296.64		
Road Mach. Acct.	2,440.33		
Misc. Supplies	455.37		
		$ 7,192.34	
Grand Total Expended			$ 65,253.88
Balance December 31, 1946			$ 5,746.12

1946 Receipts

Meter Rates including Refunds	$ 56,681.08
Service Pipe Maintenance	634.56
Service Pipe Construction	2,420.76
Rent	180.00
Hydrant Rentals	500.00
Drinking Fountains	100.00
Sprinklers	33.00
Recording Fees	3.00
Hydrant Maintenance	71.30
Miscellaneous	10.10
	$ 60,633.80

Total Cost of Water System from Beginning to January 1, 1946	$833,323.45
Meters	380.10
Total Cost December 31, 1946	$833,703.55

Water Bonds and Interest

There were $4,000.00 in bonds payable in 1946.

The interest on serial bonds for the year 1946 amounted to $50.00.

There are no bonds or interest due in 1947.

Rainfall at Pumping Station

Month	Normal Rain-Fall—Inches	Rainfall in 1946—Inches	Excess or Deficiency—1946
January	3.39	3.91	+ .52
February	3.20	3.06	— .14
March	3.70	1.57	—2.13
April	3.84	2.74	—1.10
May	3.01	5.26	+2.25
June	3.62	3.39	— .23
July	3.34	1.90	—1.44
August	3.34	8.64	+5.30
September	3.64	2.37	—1.27
October	2.81	0.37	—2.44
November	3.34	1.02	—2.32
December	3.52	4.09	+ .57
Totals	40.75	38.32	—2.43

The average rainfall for Massachusetts as deduced by the State Department of Public Health from long continued observation in various parts of the Commonwealth is 44.54 inches.

As may be seen by a table in this report showing the amount of rainfall for the years 1900-1946 inclusive, the average rainfall at the Reading Hundred Acres Pumping Station No. 2 on Strout Avenue is 40.75 inches.

The rainfall in 1946 in Reading was a deficiency of 6.22 inches compared with the State observations and a deficiency of 2.43 inches compared with the Reading Pumping Station observations.

There was a deficiency of rainfall in the months of February, March, April, June, July, September, October and November of 11.07 inches, and an excess in the months of January, May, August and December of 8.64 inches, compared each month with an average rainfall at Reading Pumping Station between the years 1900-1946 inclusive.

The greatest amount of rainfall in 1946 for any one month was in August, with a fall of 8.64 inches, which exceeded all existing records for August in Reading; in any one day, Wednesday, August 7, 1946 with a fall of 1.98 inches. The years' total rainfall of 38.32 inches was a deficiency of 7.63 inches from the total rainfall of 1945, which was 45.95 inches.

The elevation of the Hundred Acre Meadow Pumping Station is approximately eighty feet above sea level.

TABLE SHOWING AMOUNT OF RAIN AND MELTED SNOW—1946

Day of Month	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1	.....	.....	.....	.70	.....	.33	.04	1.27	.....	.....	.....	.02
2	.....	.....	.38	.38	.....	1.06	.48	1.49	.03	.....	.03	.....
3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.02	.....
4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.08	.02	.....	.07	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.37	.47	.....	T	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	.....	.34	T	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
7	T	.....	.18	.....	.47	.06	.....	1.98	.....	.....	.02	.....
8	.....	.....	.18	.06	.01	.84	.....	.....	.27	.....	.07	.....
9	.62	.....	.....	.14	.13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.13	.....	.....	T	.....
11	.11	.....	.05	.....	.08	.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.39	.....
12	T	.....	.....	.....	.23	.04	T	.....	.....	.12	.....	.08
13	.....	.10	.....	.....	.....	.02	.....	.67	.....	.....	.....	.....
14	.02	.03	.....	.....	.33	.....	.....	.04	.....	.....	.....	.....
15	.....	.....	T	T	.04	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.01	.....	.....	.37	.....	.....	.....	.....
17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.70	.05	.....	.14	.....	T	.....	.03
18	.06	.....	.....	.....	.04	.09	.....	T	.....	.13	.....	.....
19	.....	.70	.....	.09	.....	.....	.....	.76	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	.50	.34	.....	T	.....	.....	.08	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.44
21	.60	.....	.....	.....	.74	.11	.08	.....	.02	.....	.....	1.18
22	.....	.07	.....	.....	.....	.....	.17	.06	.....	.....	.35	.....
23	.....	.....	.....	.19	.....	.....	.55	.08	.....	.....	.....	.....
24	1.28	.01	.19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.37	.....	.....	.....
25	.....	.....	.39	.65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
26	.....	.45	.20	.30	.30	.....	.....	.43	.....	.12	.14	.....
27	.....	1.02	.....	.11	1.71	.....	.....	.58	.....	.....	.....	.78
28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.02	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.11
29	.....	.....	.....	.12	.....	.....	.....	.57	.04	.....	.....	.45
30	.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.50	.....	1.64	.....	.....	.....
31	.02	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Monthly Totals	3.91	3.06	1.57	2.74	5.26	3.39	1.90	8.64	2.37	0.37	1.02	4.09
Totals to Date	3.91	6.97	8.54	11.28	16.54	19.93	21.83	30.47	32.84	33.21	34.23	38.32

AMOUNT OF RAINFALL FOR YEARS 1900 TO 1946 INCLUSIVE

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1900	5.32	8.69	5.03	2.15	4.60	3.13	1.90	3.17	4.15	3.31	5.05	2.44	48.94
1901	1.33	1.08	5.88	9.59	7.21	1.74	4.65	2.66	3.59	2.76	3.06	8.10	51.65
1902	1.80	6.11	4.69	6.22	1.69	1.98	3.02	3.75	4.01	4.91	0.99	5.60	44.77
1903	3.84	3.16	6.38	4.95	0.48	8.91	3.40	3.42	2.29	3.69	1.33	2.59	44.44
1904	4.42	2.21	2.21	9.90	3.56	2.56	1.88	4.26	5.16	2.02	1.80	2.25	42.23
1905	5.44	1.47	2.92	2.59	1.39	6.11	1.19	3.30	7.87	1.20	2.22	3.72	39.42
1906	2.60	2.53	6.48	2.84	5.14	2.63	5.88	4.18	1.36	2.38	3.31	3.08	42.41
1907	3.97	2.10	2.40	3.21	2.89	3.80	3.58	1.33	7.90	3.36	6.83	3.60	44.97
1908	3.07	4.28	2.72	1.71	4.00	1.58	3.09	4.07	0.86	3.56	1.10	2.66	32.70
1909	4.17	5.33	3.57	3.95	1.97	2.14	3.59	2.75	3.74	1.23	4.06	3.60	40.10
1910	4.54	3.14	1.58	2.32	1.19	4.36	1.98	2.61	2.45	1.48	4.30	1.92	31.87
1911	2.25	2.94	3.12	1.89	0.67	3.43	4.79	3.80	2.94	2.91	4.14	3.57	36.45
1912	2.68	2.42	5.04	4.05	5.73	0.29	6.44	2.02	3.02	1.45	3.10	4.80	41.04
1913	2.48	2.64	4.51	3.76	3.45	0.93	1.68	3.48	3.66	7.56	2.13	3.24	39.52
1914	3.34	3.65	4.09	6.32	2.76	1.44	2.34	2.78	0.23	1.51	2.92	3.69	35.07
1915	5.52	3.54	0.00	2.72	1.68	4.60	8.76	6.66	0.70	2.80	2.93	5.47	45.38
1916	1.22	5.37	3.37	5.14	4.59	5.86	3.13	2.30	3.11	1.01	1.94	2.01	39.05
1917	2.92	2.41	4.18	2.90	4.00	4.78	1.19	3.70	1.46	5.75	1.39	2.65	37.33
1918	3.08	3.02	2.02	4.10	0.85	3.04	2.99	2.81	8.37	1.02	2.24	2.48	36.02
1919	3.24	3.61	4.01	2.46	5.44	0.88	3.22	3.83	5.65	2.63	6.20	1.53	42.70
1920	2.75	6.46	4.21	5.75	3.27	5.24	1.94	2.02	4.27	1.16	4.67	4.82	46.56
1921	2.09	3.43	2.43	5.48	1.86	4.02	9.79	1.96	1.74	1.57	6.50	2.28	43.15
1922	1.77	2.72	4.27	1.37	5.08	11.27	4.88	3.29	3.68	2.73	1.06	3.12	45.24
1923	6.95	1.67	2.60	5.17	1.56	2.79	1.98	3.17	0.82	3.63	4.13	4.83	39.30
1924	3.77	2.55	1.71	4.25	3.10	2.53	2.70	4.80	7.95	0.05	2.56	1.52	37.49
1925	4.28	2.14	7.66	2.95	2.05	5.62	3.13	2.37	2.16	4.66	3.94	5.53	46.49
1926	2.53	4.41	2.83	2.24	2.19	1.80	2.08	3.30	1.32	3.95	3.89	3.08	33.62
1927	2.32	3.18	1.30	1.43	2.19	2.27	3.04	5.28	2.68	4.10	4.18	4.77	36.74
1928	2.17	3.37	1.45	5.13	2.77	6.63	3.65	3.84	4.18	2.96	2.28	2.57	41.00
1929	3.14	3.76	3.49	6.81	3.50	1.21	1.19	4.53	2.41	2.49	2.87	3.63	39.03
1930	2.48	2.05	3.29	1.90	3.38	2.19	4.07	2.77	0.79	4.45	3.68	2.20	33.25
1931	3.27	2.72	4.94	3.07	3.53	6.47	3.76	4.11	1.97	2.43	1.26	3.72	41.25
1932	3.92	1.90	4.83	2.01	1.17	1.81	2.04	5.09	7.24	7.26	5.25	1.29	43.81
1933	2.27	3.46	7.22	6.51	2.70	1.27	1.47	4.41	9.97	3.50	0.96	3.47	47.21
1934	3.17	3.29	5.13	3.09	2.52	4.00	1.25	1.73	6.43	3.89	2.03	2.70	39.23
1935	6.13	3.23	1.06	4.72	1.44	6.21	2.67	1.98	4.03	0.58	4.36	0.90	37.31
1936	6.60	3.09	7.23	3.01	2.05	2.73	1.75	4.49	4.15	1.59	1.37	8.24	46.30
1937	4.50	1.80	3.21	4.61	3.13	3.45	0.97	3.91	3.04	4.48	5.18	4.89	43.17
1938	4.08	2.07	2.11	3.12	3.51	7.18	11.42	2.19	8.33	2.93	1.86	2.85	51.65
1939	2.08	3.48	4.00	4.47	2.02	2.77	0.73	3.13	2.45	4.66	0.77	2.92	33.48
1940	2.22	4.34	3.68	4.65	3.52	2.41	2.58	0.80	4.59	1.05	6.67	2.73	39.24
1941	3.16	1.88	2.51	1.87	2.24	2.09	3.66	3.05	0.58	2.13	2.38	4.08	29.63
1942	4.25	2.98	7.20	2.02	3.34	3.19	5.08	1.82	2.18	2.99	4.72	5.61	45.38
1943	3.09	1.03	3.57	2.60	5.54	2.09	4.79	1.35	0.67	5.84	4.45	1.02	36.04
1944	2.63	2.26	4.22	3.84	0.83	5.32	2.56	2.83	7.22	2.65	6.03	3.18	43.57
1945	2.60	4.40	1.79	2.85	4.28	5.90	3.07	3.07	1.19	2.62	7.77	6.41	45.95
1946	3.91	3.06	1.57	2.74	5.26	3.39	1.90	8.64	2.37	0.37	1.02	4.09	38.32
Average	3.39	3.20	3.70	3.84	3.01	3.62	3.34	3.34	3.64	2.81	3.34	3.52	40.75

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

For Year Ending December 31, 1946

Reading Water Department

Reading, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

General Statistics

Population by census of 1946: 12,327.

Date of Construction: 1890, Mill Street 1931, Grove Street.

By whom owned: Town of Reading.

Sources of Supply: Filter Gallery and Artesian Wells.

Mode of Supply: (whether gravity or pumping): Pumping.

Pumping Statistics

Builders of Pumping Machinery: Sullivan Machine Co., George F. Blake Mfg. Co., Platt Iron Works, DeLaval Steam Turbine Co.

Electric Pumps at Grove Street Station

Description of Pumps:

(A) Pumping Unit No. 1-:-2—stage 5/4 DeLaval, 75 H.P. 1750 R.P.M. 3 phase 60 cycle, 440 volts, 650 G.P.M.

(B) Pumping Unit No. 2-:-2—stage 8/6 DeLaval, 125 H.P. 1750 R.P.M. 3 phase 60 cycle, 440 volts, 1000 G.P.M.

K. W. H. used for year: 339,700.

Power Cost for year: $5,437.82.

Total Pumpage by Venturi Meter: 258,826,800.

Cost of Pumping per Million Gallons, power only: $21.01.

Average number gallons pumped per K. W. H.: 761.92.

Cost of pumping figured on Total Pumping Station No. 2 expenses, per Million Gallons pumped: $31.68.

Cost of Filtration, per Million Gallons, figured on Filtration Plant Expenses: $14.91.

Total Cost of supplying water, per Million Gallons, figured on Total Maintenance, plus interest on bonds: $159.22.

Average Static Head against which pumps work: 228.

Average Dynamic Head against which pumps work: 258.

Statistics Relating to Distribution Mains

Kind of Pipe: Cast Iron, Galvanized Iron.
Sizes: 1¼ inches to 12 inches.
Extended: 882.4 lineal feet of 12", 1,843.3 lineal feet of 6" cast iron pipe—
Total extended in 1946 — 2,725.7 lineal feet.
Total in use at present: 53.35 Miles (6" to 12").
Cost of Maintenance per mile: $8.99.
Number of Hydrants added during year: 3.
Number of Hydrants in use (Public and Private): 333.
Number of Stop Gates added during year: 6.
Number of Stop Gates now in use: 860.
Number of Stop Gates smaller than 4": 152.
Number of Blow Offs added during year: None.
Number of Blow Offs now in use: 29.
Range of Pressure on Water Mains: 45-90 lbs.

Statistics Relating to Suction Mains

Kind of Pipe: Cast Iron.
Sizes of Pipe: 16", 12", 10", 8".
Total Number of Feet in use: 116 feet of 16", 1270 feet of 12", 882 feet of 10", 3146 feet of 8". Total=5414 feet.
Gates in use on Suction Mains: 1-16", 4-12", 1-10", 3-8", 102-2½" Gates.
Wells in Use: Line A— 7 Wells Line B—17 Wells Line C—11 Wells.
Line D—12 Wells Line E—15 Wells Line F—19 Wells.
Line G— 8 Wells Line H—13 Wells Total — 102 Wells.

Statistics Relating to Services

Services: Kinds of Pipe: Cast Iron, Galvanized Iron, Lead Lined, Cement Lined, and Copper Tubing.
Sizes: ¾ inch to 6 inch.
Extended: 4041.40.
Total in Use: 44.85 miles.
Number of active service taps added during year: 71.
Number of service taps in use: 2834.
Average length of services installed in 1946: 56.92 feet
Average cost of water services to owner in 1946: 35.29.
Number of water meters tested: 270.
Number of water meters repaired: 227.
Number of water meters added: 44.
Number of water meters junked: 1.
Number of water meters now in use: 3346.

IRON REMOVAL PLANT

Chemical and Microscopic Character of Raw Water—1945

(Unfiltered—Direct from Tubular Wells) (Parts per Million)

Month	No. of Test Days	Parts per Million, except as noted							
		Iron	Oxygen Consumed	Carbon Dioxide		Dissolved Oxygen		Manganese	pH Value
				Ave.	Max.	P.P.M.	% Sat.		
January	0	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
February	1	1.00	....	43.0	....	....	....	.240	6.0
March	1	1.10	....	43.0	....	....	....	.260	6.0
April	1	1.35	....	44.5	45.0	1.2	10.1	.340	6.0
May	1	1.40	....	42.0	....	....	....	.320	6.0
June	1	1.40	....	41.0	....	....	....	.340	6.0
July	1	1.50	....	35.0	....	....	....	.360	6.0
August	1	1.35	....	44.0	....	1.4	12.2	.360	6.0
September	1	1.40	....	42.0	....	....	....	.300	6.1
October	2	1.35	....	46.0	47.0	....	....	.350	6.0
November	1	2.80	....	51.5	52.0	1.0	8.0	.400	6.2
December	1	2.20	....	44.5	45.0	1.6	13.5	.320	6.2
Total	12	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Average	..	1.53	....	43.3	....	1.3	10.9	0.30	6.0

CHEMICAL AND MICROSCOPIC CHARACTER OF WATER DELIVERED TO MAINS—1945

(Filtered Water as Delivered from Iron Removal Plant) (Parts per Million)

Month	No. of Test Days	Parts per Million, except as noted							
		Iron	Oxygen Consumed	Carbon Dioxide		Dissolved Oxygen		Manganese	pH Value
				Ave.	Max.	P.P.M.	% Sat.		
January	0	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
February	1	0.32	....	4.5	....	....	....	.006	7.1
March	1	0.30	....	4.0	....	....	....	.005	7.1
April	1	0.30	....	4.3	....	11.2	97.7	.006	7.2
May	1	0.30	....	4.0	....	....	....	.005	7.2
June	1	0.36	....	5.0	....	....	....	.005	7.1
July	1	0.47	....	6.0	....	....	....	.008	7.0
August	1	0.24	....	4.0	....	10.9	101.7	.006	7.2
September	1	0.40	....	5.0	....	....	....	.005	7.2
October	2	0.39	....	4.3	....	....	....	.006	7.2
November	1	0.48	....	4.0	....	11.3	94.6	.008	7.3
December	1	0.28	....	4.5	....	11.8	100.5	.006	7.2
Total	12	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Average	..	0.35	....	4.5	....	11.3	98.6	.006	7.2

YEARLY RECORD OF HUNDRED ACRE PUMPING STATION

January 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946

Month	No. Days	No. Hours	No. Min.	Gallons Pumped Venturi Meter	Total Head	Power K.W.H.	Gallons Per K.W.H.	Rain-fall	Fuel Oil	Daily Average Gallons Pumped
January	31	403	30	20,996,100	228	27,100	774.76	3.91	370	677,293
February	28	364	..	19,023,900	228	24,500	776.48	3.06	350	679,425
March	31	399	30	20,845,800	228	26,800	777.80	1.57	120	672,445
April	30	389	30	20,228,300	228	26,000	778.00	2.74	120	674,276
May	31	409	15	21,176,100	228	27,600	767.20	5.26	...	683,100
June	30	426	30	22,412,700	228	28,600	783.66	3.39	...	747,090
July	31	572	30	30,744,700	228	41,300	744.42	1.90	...	991,764
August	31	411	30	21,641,300	228	33,500	646.01	8.64	...	698,106
September	30	395	45	20,667,100	228	26,700	774.04	2.37	...	688,903
October	31	402	45	21,118,300	228	26,500	793.52	0.37	80	681,235
November	30	372	15	19,728,800	228	25,000	789.15	1.02	...	657,626
December	31	384	45	20,243,700	228	26,100	775.62	4.09	150	653,022
Totals	365	4,931	45	258,826,800	228	339,700	761.90	38.32	1,190	709,115

KIND OF SIZES OF METERS IN USE JANUARY 1, 1947

Make	5/8"	3/4"	1"	1¼"	1½"	2"	3"	4"	8"	Totals
Nash	1,559	14	18	1	5	3	..	..	..	1,600
Hersey	534	11	24	6	9	7	1	1	1	594
Empire	285	1	2	..	1	..	2	..	..	291
Gamon	182	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	184
Pittsburg	152	13	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	167
Trident	273	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	275
Crown	67	2	2	..	3	8	..	..	..	82
Lambert	49	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	51
Union	43	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	45
Worthington	35	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	36
Keystone	1	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	9
Federal	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Thompson	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Gem	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Totals	3,190	43	52	17	19	20	3	1	1	3,346

COMPARATIVE TOTAL PUMPAGE DURING PAST TEN YEARS
1937 to 1946 inclusive

Year	Annual Pumpage (Gallons)	Increase or Decrease (Gallons)	Average Daily Pumpage (Gallons)	Increase or Decrease (Gallons)	Cost per Million Gallons Pumped Figured on Total Maint. and Int. on Bonds	Estimated Population
1937	212,484,400	36,625,700 Dec.	582,149	98,480 Dec.	129.81	10,703
1938	213,853,400	1,369,000 Inc.	585,900	3,751 Inc.	122.24	10,703
1939	245,937,000	32,083,600 Inc.	673,800	87,900 Inc.	106.93	10,703
1940	247,786,000	151,000 Dec.	671,546	2,254 Dec.	99.06	10,861
1941	245,332,500	453,500 Dec.	672,143	597 Inc.	115.87	10,861
1942	224,146,800	21,185,700 Dec.	613,965	58,178 Dec.	134.07	10,861
1943	229,498,200	15,351,400 Inc.	628,762	14,797 Inc.	142.41	10,861
1944	245,429,500	15,931,300 Inc.	670,217	41,455 Inc.	121.58	10,861
1945	231,483,500	13,946,000 Dec.	634,201	36,016 Dec.	138.01	12,327
1946	258,826,800	27,343,300 Inc.	709,115	74,914 Inc.	159.22	12,327

MAIN PIPE CONSTRUCTION

Eight water main extensions were installed during the year, totaling 2725.7 lineal feet. All mains were laid in sizes recommended by the New England Fire Insurance Underwriters, two being of 12" and six of 6" diameter. On Charles St., the 12" main partially installed in 1945 was further extended to accommodate a building development, and on Willow Street a 12" main was laid for a similar reason. This Willow Street main will eventually be connected with the existing 12" main on Grove Street at Lowell Street, and will improve considerably the water distribution system in the Westerly section of the town.

The scarcity of building materials was the principal factor in retarding home building during the year. Several housing developments have been started, house cellars excavated and walled, and temporarily abandoned, until such time as building materials become more readily procurable. Many of these developments are on previously laid out private ways, and will require water main extensions. As building materials are expected to be more plentiful in 1947, it is to be presumed that many more requests for water mains and services will be received during 1947 than were received during 1946. The installation of these expected extensions will depend to a great extent on the availability of water pipe, fittings and labor.

As of January 1, 1947, the Reading water distribution system comprises 53.35 miles of water mains in sizes 6" to 12", besides other mains of smaller sizes.

Main Pipe Maintenance

No breaks occurred during the year on Main pipes 6" or larger. Several minor leaks on smaller size mains occurred, and were repaired with small water wastage. Gate valves in several locations were repaired, and several gate boxes excavated and reset.

Service Pipe Construction and Maintenance

There were seventy-one new water services installed during the year, in sizes ranging from one inch to six inches. Sixty-three of these were to newly constructed dwelling houses, one was for a greenhouse, one for a market garden sprinkler system, three to commercial type garages, two for factories, and one to a theatre. The seventy-one new services totaled 4,041.40 feet in length, had an average length per individual service of 56.92 feet at an average cost of service to owners of $35.29. As of January 1, 1947 there are 44.85 miles of service pipe in use in the water distribution system, comprising 2834 individual service taps, in sizes ranging from ¾" to 6".

In several instances, and from various causes, leaks developed in a number of services, requiring street or private property excavation to repair. One of the most difficult of these leaks to repair was on Main

Street opposite Nichols' Lane, where, due to grade changes on Main Street, the service corporation was twelve feet below ground level, with an excessive amount of running ground water present.

Rodding of water services to remove incrustations interfering with volume of water delivered to houses was carried on extensively through the year, at owners' requests. Several old services were replaced, in whole or part, for various reasons.

A number of defective cellar shut-offs were replaced, and service pipes repaired at cellar walls, much of this work being of an emergency nature.

Meter Maintenance

A total of 270 active water meters, in sizes ranging from ⅝" to 2", were removed from water services for various reasons by the Meter department. Of these, 227 meters were dismantled, cleaned, repaired, and tested before being re-installed. One meter was junked and replaced with a new meter, and 44 new meters were set, for the most part on new water services.

The Meter Master leak detector was used almost constantly during the year checking on excessive water usage by consumers. Many leaks were detected and the householder informed of their existence through use of this device.

As of January 1, 1947, there are in use in the water distribution system 3346 water meters, in size ranging from ⅝ to 8".

Fire Hydrants

Three new fire hydrants were installed during the year, all being set on new water main extensions, one each on Charles Street, Wescroft Road, and Oak Ridge (Private) Road. All were set to afford fire protection for new housing developments.

Three fire hydrants were struck and broken by automobiles during the year, one by a hit-and-run driver, two by drivers who reported the damage. No appreciable water loss was occasioned by any of the breaks.

The annual inspection of fire hydrants was made, and some minor repairs found necessary. One private fire hydrant was found defective, and repaired. All fire hydrants used by the Fire Department in 1946 were found to be in good working condition.

Driven Well System

No suction main or driven well extensions were made during the year, due in part to continuing shortages of material. During the winter months, the well field was flooded by overflow from the Ipswich River. Cold weather caused heavy ice to form as this flood water, and, as the waters receded, caused a settling of the ice sheet which resulted in some damage to suction mains and driven well connections. Early in the Spring air tests were made on each individual suction main, and damaged fittings replaced. Steps have been taken to prevent a recur-

rence of this condition, by artificially supporting certain of the more exposed well connections.

Owing to the flooded conditions in the well field during the Spring and Summer months, the regular well cleaning program was not accomplished until the Fall of 1946, when each well in the system was air tested to detect possible leaks, spudded and pumped clear. During the cleaning process, the water delivered from each well was analyzed to determine iron content and color. Specific tests were also made periodically throughout the year by the firm of Weston and Sampson, Consulting Engineers, for iron, color and CO^2, as well as bacterial tests. Certain wells found to deliver water containing excessive iron or of high color have been shut off from the collection system.

Filtration Plant

The filtration plant operated efficiently throughout the year, a total of 258,826,800 gallons of raw water direct from the tubular wells, averaging 709,115 gallons per day having been aerated, filtered and delivered to the clear water basin. Tables included in this report show the results obtained by aeration and filtration.

Sand Filter No. 1 was raked twice and scraped three times, Filter No. 2 raked once and scraped four times during the year. As the Filter Plant had been in operation for ten years with no replacement of sand in the sand filters, a new sand blanket 12″ in depth and totaling 200 tons was placed in each filter. Each filter in turn was carefully scraped sufficiently deep to remove the iron hydrate impregnated sand, which was removed from the filters by means of the ejector box. Replacement sand was secured, after careful investigation and analyses by our Consulting Engineers, from Plum Island, and dumped through a wire screen direct from the trucks into each filter in turn. The sand was then carried in wheelbarrows and spread evenly over the filter bed. The sand was then carefully disinfected, the filter filled with water, let stand for 24 hours, and run to waste. Chemical tests for impurities were then made, and the filter put back in operation. Three days work was required for each filter, with one filter bed always in use. Satisfactory results have been realized from the new sand blanket.

Both subsiding basins were drained, cleaned and disinfected, also the clear water basin. Vertical aerator tubes were cleaned and brushed as needed during the year, and tube caps reamed periodically.

Standpipes

No major repair or maintenance work was required on either standpipe during 1946.

PUMPING STATIONS

Hundred Acre Pumping Station

Hundred Acre Pumping Station operated daily during the year,

averaging 13.51 hours of operation daily, and delivered 258,826,800 gallons of raw water direct from the tubular wells to the iron removal or Filtration Plant and filtered water to the distribution mains, averaging 709,115 gallons per day, at a cost of pumping figured on total pumping station expenses of $31.68 per million gallons pumped. The greatest amount pumped in any one day was on Friday, July 19, 1946 with a total pumpage of 1,472,000 gallons; in any one week, from July 14 to 20 inclusive, with a total pumpage of 8,625,000 gallons. The 75 H.P. high lift pump was in operation for a total of 4409.5 hours during the year, and the 125 H.P. high lift pump in operation for a total of 522.25 hours.

The 75 H.P. high lift pump motor, which had been in continuous operation since 1931, was removed from the pumping station and sent to the factory for overhaul and repairs. When returned, it had been cleaned, new slip rings installed, and new rubber bushings installed in the motor couplings. New wearing rings were also installed on No. 1 Low Lift Pump, and several minor repairs were made by the pumping station engineers to pumps and equipment.

During the winter months the pump room was cleaned and painted, as were the pumping equipment contained therein.

Six interruptions of electric power supply occurred during the year, from various causes such as high winds, sleet storms, electrical storms, etc. The longest of these interruptions occurred during a lightning and high wind storm on June 8, when falling trees and branches broke the power line. Power was off from 9:15 P.M. June 8 to 9:30 A.M. June 9. As the standpipes were nearly filled at the time of power interruption, no water shortage to consumers occurred.

On December 11, 1946 a fire in Hundred Acre Meadows, fanned by high winds, threatened the water shed area. The fire started at the Boston and Maine Railroad, Woburn Street Wilmington crossing, and rapidly swept down the meadows. Fire departments from several surrounding towns assisted the local fire department in extinguishing the fire before any serious damage was done.

Mill Street Pumping Station

Mill Street Pumping Station was not actively operated during the year, but was kept in readiness for possible emergency operation. At the annual March 1946 Town Meeting it was voted "to authorize the Board of Public Works to sell upon such terms and conditions as they may determine the machinery and equipment located in the Mill Street Pumping Station". Several prospective purchasers have examined the machinery and equipment, but no offers to purchase have as yet been received by the Board.

The building has been used extensively for storage purposes to relieve congestion at the Municipal Garage.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Gentlemen:

The following is the yearly report of the Highway Department: Appropriations voted in March Town Meeting:

1.	Highway Maintenance and Construction		$ 47,000.00
2.	Removal of Snow and Ice		20,000.00
3.	Maintenance of Storm Drains		4,500.00
4.	Sidewalk Construction and Maintenance		8,000.00
5.	Development of Storm Water Drains		8,000.00
6.	Care of Dumps		1,900.00
7.	Construction of West Hill Circle		
	Bal. Fwd. from 1945	$ 834.06	
	Appro. 1946	250.00	1,084.06
8.	Construction of Wescroft Road		
	Bal. Fwd. from 1945	$ 1,850.90	
	Appro. 1946	500.00	2,350.90
9.	Construction of Springvale Road		
	Bal. Fwd. from 1945	$ 162.24	
	Appro. 1946	250.00	412.24
10.	Construction of Harvard Street		
	Bal. Fwd. from 1945		351.20
11.	Construction of Cape Cod Ave.		
	Bal. Fwd. from 1945		1,961.00
12.	Construction of Wood End Lane		
	Bal. Fwd. from 1945		1,511.00
13.	Construction of Mineral St. Bridge		
	Bal. Fwd. from 1945		250.00
14.	Development Committee		
	Bal. Fwd. from 1945		257.15
15.	Post War Planning		
	Bal. Fwd. from 1945		2,264.76
16.	Received from State and County for Chap. 90 Maint.		1,500.00
17.	Road Machinery Fund		
	Transfer from Road Machinery Acct.		16,300.00
	Balance from 1945		262.51
18.	Refund Over-payment		16.45
19.	Received from State, County and Town for Chap. 90		
	Const.—Lowell St.		12,000.00

20.	Received from State, County and Town for Chap. 90 Const.—Main St.	10,000.00
20a.	Chapter 90 Const. Charles St. Appropriation	4,500.00
21.	Transfer to Snow and Ice from Reserve Fund	25,000.00
22.	Transfer to Highway Dept. from Reserve Fund	300.00
23.	Transfer to Highway Dept. from Chap. 90 Const.	202.00
24.	Transfer from Chap. 90 Maintenance	500.00
25.	Voted at Special Town Meeting Oct. 28, 1946 Highway Department	1,500.00
26.	Federal Works Agency Appropriation	750.00
27.	Municipal Garage Appropriation	25,000.00
	Grand Total	$175,173.27

Expenditures and Balances of the above Appropriations:

Item			
1.	Highway Maintenance and Construction		$ 47,000.00
22.	Transfer to Highway from Reserve Fund		300.00
23.	Transfer to Highway from Chap. 90 Const.		202.00
24.	Transfer to Highway from Chap. 90 Maint.		500.00
25.	Voted at Special Town Meeting 10/28/46		1,500.00
			$ 49,502.00
	Expended:		
	Pay Roll	$ 24,450.13	
	Road Material	10,247.78	
	C-90 Maint.	1,000.00	
	Supplies and Tools	2,056.33	
	Road Machinery Acct.	7,503.78	
	Misc.	4,235.97	
	Total Expended		$ 49,493.99
	Balance Unexpended		8.01
2.	Removal of Snow and Ice		$ 20,000.00
	Transfer to Snow and Ice from Reserve Fund		2,500.00
			$ 22,500.00
	Expended:		
	Pay Roll	$ 11,968.62	
	Plowing and Hauling	2,358.59	
	Repairs and Supp.	4,261.39	

	Rd. Mach. Acct.	2,978.97	
	Misc.	449.78	
	Total Expended		$ 22,017.35
	Balance Unexpended		$ 482.65
3.	Maintenance of Storm Drains		$ 4,500.00
	Expended:		
	Pay Roll	$ 2,131.66	
	Supp. and Misc.	2,368.34	
	Total Expended		$ 4,500.00
	Balance Unexpended		.00
4.	Sidewalk Construction and Maintenance		$ 8,000.00
	Expended:		
	Pay Roll	$ 5,833.54	
	Supp. and Misc.	2,158.26	
	Total Expended		7,991.80
	Balance Unexpended		8.20
5.	Development of Storm Water Drainage		$ 8,000.00
	Expended:		
	Pay Roll	$ 4,488.82	
	Pipe	852.99	
	Supplies and Misc.	2,108.10	
	Road Mach. Acct.	545.26	
	Total Expended		$ 7,995.17
	Balance Unexpended		$ 4.83
6.	Care of Dumps		$ 1,900.00
	Expended:		
	Pay Roll	$ 1,713.25	
	Misc.	184.65	
	Total Expended		$ 1,897.90
	Balance Unexpended		$ 2.10
7.	Construction of West Hill Circle		
	Bal. Forward from 1945	$ 834.06	
	Appro. 1946	250.00	$ 1,084.06
	No Expenditures in 1946		

8.	Construction of Wescroft Road		
	Balance Fwd. from 1945	$ 1,850.90	
	Appropriation	500.00	$ 2,350.90
	No expenditures in 1946		
9.	Construction of Springvale Road		
	Balance Fwd. from 1945	$ 162.24	
	Appropriation 1946	250.00	$ 412.24
	No expenditures in 1946		
10.	Construction of Harvard Street		
	Balance Fwd. from 1945		$ 351.20
	No Expenditures in 1946		
11.	Construction of Cape Cod Ave.		$ 1,961.00
	Expended:		
	Pay Roll	$ 820.15	
	Supplies	408.09	
	Crane Hire	315.00	
	Road Machinery	416.96	
	Total Expended		$ 1,960.40
	Balance Unexpended		$ .60
12.	Construction of Wood End Lane		
	Expended:		
	Pay Roll	$ 516.19	
	Supplies	569.28	
	Crane Hire	168.00	
	Road Machinery	245.35	
	Total Expended		$ 1,498.82
	Balance Unexpended		$ 12.18
13.	Construction of Mineral St. Bridge		
	Balance Fwd. from 1945		$ 250.00
	No Expenditures in 1946		
14.	Development Committee		
	Balance Fwd. from 1945		$ 257.15
15.	Post War Planning		
	Balance Fwd. from 1945		$ 2,264.76
	Expended:		
	Pay Roll	$ 922.14	
	Engineering	10.00	

	Total Expended		$ 932.14
	Balance Unexpended		$ 1,332.62
16.	Chapter 90 Maintenance		
	Received from State and County		$ 1,000.00
	Transferred from Highway Dept.		500.00
			$ 1,500.00
	Expended:		
	Pay Roll	$ 357.32	
	Road Material	828.57	
	Road Machinery	314.11	
	Total Expended		$ 1,500.00
	Balance Unexpended		.00
17.	Road Machinery Fund		
	Balance Fwd. from 1945		$ 262.51
	Transfer from Rd. Mach. Acct.		16,300.00
18.	Refund Over-payment		16.45
			$ 16,578.96
	Expended:		
	Repairs and Gasoline		$ 15,297.47
	Balance Unexpended		1,281.49
19.	Chapter 90 Lowell Street (Town 4,500) (State 5,000) (County 2,500) Total		$ 12,000.00
	Expended:		
	Pay Roll	$ 3,617.35	
	Supplies	1,529.03	
	Road Machinery Acct.	3,848.31	
	Total Expended		$ 8,994.69
	Balance Unexpended		$ 3,005.31
20.	Chapter 90 Main St. (Town 2,500) (State 5,000) (County 2,500) Total		$ 10,000.00
	Expended:		
	Pay Roll	$ 688.87	
	Road Machinery	305.36	
	Supplies	5,589.53	

Total Expended	$ 6,583.76
Balance Unexpended	$ 3,416.24

20a. Chapter 90 Charles St.

Appropriation	$ 4,500.00

No Expenditures in 1946

26. Federal Works Agency

Appropriation	$ 750.00
Expended	750.00
Balance Unexpended	.00

27. Municipal Garage

Appropriation	$ 25,000.00
Expended	269.60
Balance Unexpended	$ 24,730.40

Totals

Items	Appro. and Transfers	Expended	Balance
1-22-23-24-25	$ 49,502.00	$ 49,493.99	$ 8.01
2-21	22,500.00	22,017.35	482.65
3	4,500.00	4,500.00	.00
4	8,000.00	7,991.80	8.20
5	8,000.00	7,995.17	4.83
6	1,900.00	1,897.90	2.10
7	1,084.06	.00	1,084.06
8	2,350.90	.00	2,350.90
9	412.24	.00	412.24
10	351.20	.00	351.20
11	1,961.00	1,960.40	.60
12	1,511.00	1,498.82	12.18
13	250.00	.00	250.00
14	257.15	.00	257.15
15	2,264.76	932.14	1,332.62
16	1,500.00	1,500.00	.00
17-18	16,578.96	15,297.47	1,281.49
19	12,000.00	8,994.69	3,005.31
20	10,000.00	6,583.76	3,416.24
20a	4,500.00	.00	4,500.00
26	750.00	750.00	.00
27	25,000.00	269.60	24,730.40
	$175,173.27	$131,683.09	$ 43,490.18

Highway Department

Although seriously handicapped by lack of experienced laboring personnel, much was accomplished during 1946 by the Highway Department. Labor was more plentiful than in preceding years, but was very unstable, with a tendency to come and go. Had the department been able to compete with labor rates currently offered by private industry, better qualified workers could have been employed under much more stable conditions, and more work accomplished.

Chapter 90 road construction was resumed after a long absence during the war years, and Chapter 90 Maintenance work continued. Two private ways were accepted and constructed as public town ways under the Betterment Act, and maintenance work was accomplished on many highways.

The storm water drainage program was carried on somewhat more extensively than in several preceding years, but by no means is keeping pace with requests for needed drains from citizens. Annual appropriations for storm drain installation must be much greater before needed relief from deplorable drain conditions can be expected.

Granolithic sidewalk installation was accomplished to the full extent of available funds, as was granite curbing installation, but by no means kept pace with the constantly increasing applications from property owners for sidewalk and/or curbing construction. As of January 1, 1947 there are on file a total of sixty-four individual applications for granolithic sidewalk construction and thirty-seven applications for granite curbing installation.

A more detailed account of the work accomplished by the Highway Department follows:

Snow and Ice

Eighteen snow storms were recorded in Reading during 1946, four of which were under 1" depth, six were under 2" depth, and eight of which were from 4" to 12" in depth and required plowing. The following table includes only the eight storms requiring highway snowplowing:

Recorded Snowfall—1946

Date	Snowfall (inches)	Temp.	Wind Direction	Force	Remarks
Jan. 20-21	12	+22°	N.N.E.	Moderate	Medium heavy — mixed with sleet
Jan. 24	4	+31°	N.N.E.	Light	Wet and heavy — slush
Jan. 30	6	+26°	N.N.E.	Moderate	Wet and heavy
Feb. 19-20	12	+22°	N.E.	Moderate to Gale	Light and Fine, then heavy
Feb. 26-27	4	+26°	N.E.	Light	Snow, rain and sleet
Dec. 20-21	5	+24°	N.N.E.	Moderate	Heavy and wet
Dec. 27	6	+22°	N.E.	Moderate	Light and Fine
Dec. 28-29	4	+30°	N.N.E.	Light	Snow, rain, sleet

Total ..... 53 inches

Snow storms during 1946 were so spaced that no particular difficulty was experienced in plowing any one storm. Sanding of icy streets, however, was necessary almost daily during the winter months.

During the storm of February 19-20, the Adams Motor Grader, rigged with a 60-40 V-type plow formerly used on a large tractor, hung on a push-frame and lift—fabricated at the garage workshop, was used for the first time, on outlying streets such as Haverhill Street, Bay State Road, etc. The unit performed satisfactorily, and has been used in each storm since.

Lack of experienced replacement personnel made it necessary to require key departmental employees to work long hours without relief during several of the storms, which they did without complaint. Breakdowns among old equipment somewhat hampered snow plowing efforts.

Several privately owned trucks were hired to augment the department's plowing equipment, and the privately owned Ford-Ferguson tractor was again hired to plow private ways.

Sidewalks on main traveled streets were plowed as often as drivers could be secured for the two crawler-type tractors. These two tractors are old and worn, and seldom got through a storm without one or more breakdowns.

The snow loader was used regularly in snow removal operations, and several employees were trained in its operation. This unit has proved its worth in economical and rapid snow removal. With a fleet of trucks equipped with high side boards, and a well-organized method of getting them in and out from the snow loading chute, a comparatively large quantity of snow can be removed in a comparatively short working period.

Sanding of icy streets was a costly and continuous operation during the storm periods. With only four small home-made semi-automatic sanders available, much of the sand has to be hand-cast from sand trucks, which is a slow, arduous and costly method of highway sanding. Funds should be made available for the purchase of modern sanders.

General Highway Maintenance

Roadway maintenance operations were carefully planned and executed in an effort to make the material available cover the most street surface. During the war years, street surfaces were neglected due to shortages of sealing materials. Cold, changeable winters also contributed to the surface breakage of many streets where inadequate storm drainage helped cause frost boils and heaves, and our highways, which had over a period of years immediately preceding the war been built up by honing, mixed-in-place and surface seal methods, have badly deteriorated.

During 1946, honing and mixed-in-place operations were not done to any great extent, the available material being used for surface seal and spot-spray methods of road maintenance. A total of 65,007 gallons of various types of road oil were used to surface treat 133,608 lineal feet of roadways totaling 240,725 square yards, and 2483 tons of various types of sand and stone were used as cover.

Roadway patching was carried on extensively through the year, with K. P., commercial mixed, and gravel being used. A total of 1,050 gallons of cold patch liquid was used by the department in mixing cold patch aggregate at the garage mixing plant, and 515 tons of ready-mixed commercial patching material was used in street patching operations.

The annual Spring sweeping and cleaning of streets and gutters was accomplished as early in the Spring as weather conditions permitted. A heavy deposit of sand from winter sanding operations existed, and to expedite completion of this work an Elgin street cleaner was rented from a private contractor, as also was a Case tractor with a front scoop lift. The department's truck-mounted Roto-sweeper and hand labor were utilized to sweep streets and gutters, followed by the Elgin street cleaner which picked up the waste material and deposited it in selected central dumping location. The Case tractor scoop then loaded the material on department trucks, for final disposal. During the street cleaning period, frequent rainy weather kept dust at a minimum, but hindered sweeping operations somewhat.

During the winter months, when weather conditions permitted, brush was cut from roadsides on outlying streets to alleviate possible traffic hazards. The street sign program was furthered considerably, with new wooden street signs and metal hangers constructed and lettered at the garage workshop.

Chapter 90 Maintenance

Chapter 90 Maintenance work, made possible through funds contributed by the State, County, and Town for maintenance of secondary highways, was accomplished on West, Salem, High and other streets included in this category. Foiled and spalled sections were cut out of stone surfaced streets, new broken stone installed, penetrated, sealed and compacted, etc. Other roads were surface sealed, guard rail posts were repaired, replaced and new cables installed, etc.

Chapter 90 Construction

For the first time in several years, funds were allocated by the State and County for road construction, Main Street and Lowell Street being selected for partial reconstruction.

Main Street, from Haven Street to Washington Street, of cement concrete construction installed in 1934 by a private contractor under State supervision, had surface-spalled rather badly, and State Public Works Department engineers recommended that it be resurfaced with a Type I Bituminous Concrete Mixture. Departmental employees prepared the street surface for the new top coating by removing all loose material from the roadway, raising all surface structures such as catch-basin and manhole castings, water gates, etc., installing some additional storm drains, etc. The roadway was then covered, curb to curb, with a Class I coating furnished and laid by contract by Warren Brothers Roads Company of Cambridge, Mass. This construction was completed early in September.

Lowell Street construction was then undertaken, and was to have consisted of completely rebuilding a section of Lowell Street from Grand Street towards Reading Square, by the department, with a stone surface. Excessive amounts of roadway ledge were encountered, slowing the work considerably. Early in December, orders were given by the State Department of Public Works postponing all further road work until the Spring of 1947 because of cold weather. At the date of the stop order, the job had been approximately 80% completed, with the only work remaining to be done the stone surfacing and fine grading. Roadway excavation, storm drainage, gravel borrow etc. had been completed, as also had been storm drainage to be included in a future Chapter 90 construction project on Lowell Street. When the stop order was received, a road oil was applied to the compacted gravel borrow, to surface seal the roadway for the use of traffic during the winter. In the Spring of 1947 a stone penetration surface will be installed and the job completed.

Chapter 83 Construction

For the first time in four years, two private ways were accepted as Public Ways and constructed under the provisions of Chapter 83 of the General Laws authorizing the construction of streets under the Betterment Act. Cape Cod Avenue and Wood End Lane were the streets accepted and constructed in 1946, the work consisting of excavating the roadways, replacing the excavated material with bank gravel and rolling same in place, installing the necessary storm drainage, sealing the gravel surface with road oil, and building stonedust topped gravel sidewalks, complete with loamed and seeded tree lawns, on each street. Granite radius curbing was set at the interesections of Wood End Lane and Cape Cod Avenue, and Cape Cod Avenue and Middlesex Avenue, at no cost to the abutting property owners. The cost of constructing the streets is paid for in its entirety by the abutting property owners.

Granolithic Sidewalk Construction

The following table illustrates granolithic sidewalk construction in 1946:

Granolithic Sidewalk Construction by Streets

Street	No. Lots	Feet Frontage	Square Yards
Bancroft Ave.	3	232.30	148.17
Bond St.	6	453.04	270.15
Deering St.	1	75.00	43.18
Green St.	1	76.50	39.06
Highland St.	1	75.20	44.48
Hillcrest Rd.	2	212.50	99.03
Howard St.	1	76.00	47.32
John St.	1	53.20	32.32
Linden St.	2	154.30	87.38
Mineral St.	1	60.00	36.98
Mt. Vernon St.	1	83.00	49.83
Prescott St.	2	278.00	151.24
Puritan Rd.	2	188.80	107.69
Springvale Rd.	1	120.20	66.57
Summer Ave.	1	101.20	75.50
Willow St.	1	50.01	31.37
Village St.	1	146.90	81.45
Totals	28	2,436.15	1,421.72

Each of the above listed granolithic sidewalks was installed at the request of the abutting property owner under the provisions of the Betterment Act, by means of which one-half the cost of construction is borne by the abutting property owner and one-half by the Town. The property owner may, at his discretion, pay his portion of the construction cost in a lump sum or extended over a period of years not exceeding ten, providing a minimum of $5.00, plus interest, is paid annually.

Maintenance work was acomplished on several existing granolithic sidewalks, where squares of concrete had been disturbed through various causes.

Gravel and Stonedust Sidewalks

The usual temporary surfacing of rough, uneven dirt sidewalks with gravel and/or stonedust was accomplished. This is strictly a temporary measure, but many existing dirt sidewalks are in such deplorable condition as to render them unsafe for pedestrians, and an attempt is made each year to render passable the rougher of these sidewalks.

Gravel sidewalks were also constructed abutting a number of newly erected dwelling houses, and stonedust was placed on a number of existing gravel sidewalks.

Granite Curbing

Granite Curbing was again available after a lapse of several years, and applications for curbing installation, some of which had been on file for some time, were filled in chronological sequence. The applications filled were all in locations where granolithic sidewalks were installed.

The following table illustrates granite curbing installation during 1946:

Granite Curbing Installation by Streets

Street	No. Lots	Feet Curbing Installed Straight	No. Returns	Total Length
Bancroft Ave.	2	94.8	5	94.8
Green St.	1	60.0	3	60.0
John St.	1	35.8	2	35.8
Linden St.	1	61.0	1	61.0
Mineral St.	1	40.1	2	40.1
Prescott St.	2	217.6	4	217.6
Puritan Rd.	2	155.2	4	155.2
Village St.	1	128.1	2	128.1
Willow St.	1	32.0	2	32.0
Totals	12	824.6	25	824.6

Storm Water Drainage

The storm water drainage program was advanced during the year as illustrated in the following table:

Storm Water Drainage Installation—1946

Size and Length of Pipe Installed

Location	12″	8″	6″	C.B.'s	M.H.'s	Total Pipe Only
Cape Cod Ave.	154.50			2	2	154.50
Grove St. (Spruce Rd.)	143.50			2	2	143.50
Lowell St.	591.40	18.40	19.30	9	3	629.10
West St.	672.50			6	5	672.50
Wood End Lane	129.50			2	1	129.50
Totals	1,691.40	18.40	19.30	21	13	1,729.10

Of the drains listed, two were to serve newly accepted and constructed public ways, one was on Chapter 90 road construction, and two were to relieve particularly annoying drainage conditions. On Grove Street, at Spruce (Private) Road, drainage had for some time caused dangerous conditions on the roadway, particularly during freezing weather. New catch-basins, manholes and drains were installed and connected to an existing drain. The drain on West Street relieved a large sector of surface drainage from West Hill Circle, and was rendered difficult to construct by the presence of much trench ledge.

Many applications are on file for storm drain extensions, many of them to relieve particularly objectionable existing drainage conditions. Surveys and layouts of these proposed drains have been completed, and are on file in the engineering department, awaiting funds for installation.

Maintenance of Storm Drains

Maintenance of storm water drains and open drain ditches was somewhat curtailed during 1946, owing to lack of funds and man power. Storm drain pipes were, however, rodded and flushed in several sections, as were culverts. Open drain ditches in several locations also were cleaned and deepened.

Catch basins and manholes were thoroughly cleaned in the Fall months by means of a rented catch basin cleaning rig, which consisted of a truck-mounted dredge bucket (orange-peel type) operated by a power hoist. One department dump truck was assigned to work with the dredge to haul excavated material.

No maintenance work was accomplished during the year on the Quannapowitt Drain System, which functioned efficiently during the year. Run-off from excessive rain-fall and melted snow in the Spring was heavy, and several flash-floods were quickly handled by the ditch.

Dumps

John Street public dump was maintained during the year, with a caretaker on duty during scheduled working hours. At various times during the year, the dumping area was leveled with a bulldozer or the Bay City shovel.

Attempts to stop roadside dumping have been only partially successful. Several particularly obnoxious roadside dumps were cleaned up by the department and posted against future dumping by the Health Department. This practice of roadside dumping is a pernicious, unhealthful habit, which is subject to prosecution at the discretion of the proper authorities. John Street dump is the only public dump in Reading, and is open to the public at all times.

PARK DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Public Works:
Gentlemen:

The following is the yearly report of the Park Department:

Appropriation			$ 6,500.00
Expended:			
Memorial Park			
Pay Roll	$ 963.57		
Supplies	9.84		
		$ 973.41	
Leach Park			
Pay Roll		$ 100.81	
Skating Rinks			
Pay Roll	$ 94.78		
Lights and Supplies	63.44		
		$ 158.22	
Commons			
Pay Roll	$ 381.78		
Repairs	10.00		
		$ 391.78	
Washington Street Park			
Pay Roll	$ 1,516.49		
Supplies and Misc.	313.57		
		$ 1,830.06	
Birch Meadow			
Pay Roll	$ 1,225.38		
Lights	129.17		
Supplies	147.79		
		$ 1,502.34	
Miscellaneous			
Pay Roll	$ 76.38		
Road Mach. Acct.	1,171.06		
Supplies and Misc.	294.30		
		$ 1,541.74	
Total Expended			$ 6,498.36
Balance Unexpended			$ 1.64

PARK DEPARTMENT

Parks and Playgrounds continued popular through the year, and were well patronized during all seasons. In addition to the usual organized baseball, softball and hockey leagues, Reading Veterans of World War 2 were active in several sports.

As the annual Park Department appropriation is insufficient to care for little besides maintenance of the various parks and playgrounds, no extensive program of enlarging parks or adding to playground facilities can be carried out. Careful planning is necessary for the proper maintenance of grounds, cutting grass, caring for shrubs, repairing equipment and other necessary routine work.

The Park Department cooperated with the Recreation Committee in carrying out the summer supervised play program. The report of the Recreation Committee is included in the annual town report, and should be studied by townspeople for a more detailed account of the excellent results obtained by this program.

Two playground devices known as "Jungle Gyms" were purchased and one each erected at Birch Meadow and Washington Street Ball Park. A section of new chain link fence was erected at Memorial Park as protection against trespass for property owners from users of the park.

A new wooden flag pole, similar to the pole destroyed by lightning, was erected on Reading Common, and dedicated with impressive ceremony at the "Veterans Welcome Home" celebration on November 11.

At the annual March town meeting it was voted "to authorize the Board of Public Works to demolish, sell or otherwise dispose of for demolition upon such terms and conditions as they may determine the Barn, so-called, in Memorial Park—". Bids were called for on the demolition of the Barn, and a bid of $50.00 was accepted from a contractor for its demolition and removal, which has been completed. The Barn was an old Reading land-mark, but through acts of vandalism as described in this report in previous years, had been damaged beyond reasonable hope of repair. Memorial Park is now without a building or storehouse of any kind or description.

Some additional filling was possible in Birch Meadow Playground, secured from Lowell Street Chapter 90 road construction. The roadway through the meadow that will eventually connect with Rice Road and Forest Street was extended, and a short drain installed at Birch Meadow Brook.

Sturges' Public Ice Skating and Winter Sports Center was available during the winter months, and was used extensively by winter sports enthusiasts.

All parks, playgrounds and commons were maintained during the year to the fullest extent of the limited funds allocated to the Park Department.

SEWER DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Public Works:
Gentlemen:

The following is the yearly report of the Sewer Department:

Construction and Maintenance Account

Appropriation		$ 15,000.00
Expended:		
Pay Roll	$ 6,157.78	
Interest on Bonds	590.00	
Insurance	821.94	
Misc. Tools and Supplies	3,857.46	
Road Machinery Account	1,300.50	
Equip. Rental	2,237.50	
Total Expended		$ 14,966.18
Balance Unexpended		$ 33.82

House Connection Account

Appropriation		$ 4,000.00
Pay Roll	$ 3,027.56	
Pipe, Fittings, etc.	935.94	
Total Expended		$ 3,963.50
Balance Unexpended		$ 36.50

MAIN TRUNK SEWER EXTENSION

Main trunk sewer extensions were made on four streets during 1946, totaling 1477.43 feet in length and making possible 19 additional sewer house connections. Each of these extensions was made on petition of abutting property owners to connect their residences with the sanitary sewer. Many petitions are on file for sewer extensions in various parts of Reading, but due to lack of funds in the Sewer Department construction budget, have not been installed. Disposal of sewage from private houses is becoming a serious problem in many sections of town. Existing private cesspools and overflows have ceased to function properly as the surrounding earth has become impregnated and sealed, retarding proper leaching away of cesspool liquids. When this condition occurs, cesspool liquids and solids appear above ground, and are definitely a health menace to the entire neighborhood in their vicinity.

The following table illustrates main trunk sewer extensions in 1946, by streets:

MAIN TRUNK SEWER EXTENSIONS—1946

Location	Size and Length of Pipe				Man Holes	Y's	Totals (Pipe Only)	Possible Conn.
	8″C.I.	8″V.C.	6″V.C.	5″V.C.				
Chute St.				191.00	1	5	191.00	4
Echo Ave.		371.83			1	13	371.83	2
Fairview Ave.	480.00				1	10	480.00	9
Sunnyside Ave.			434.60		2	7	434.60	4
Totals	480.00	371.83	434.60	191.00	5	35	1477.43	19

Sewer Maintenance

No breaks or stoppages in main trunk sewers occurred during 1946. All sewers laid on flat gradients were flushed and otherwise cleaned to prevent stoppages. Several loose and noisy manhole covers were packed to prevent rattling under traffic.

Sewer House Connections

Thirty-eight new sewer house connections were completed in 1946, having a total length of 2,144.90 feet, at an average cost to the individual property owner of $56.59 per connection. Twelve of the sewer house connections were installed on a cash deposit basis, and twenty-six were installed under the provisions of the Sewer Betterment Act which requires no initial deposit and permits payments to be extended over a period of years. Thirty-two of the connections were made to existing dwellings on several streets, five to newly erected houses, and one to a newly erected garage.

The annual notification citing the provisions of Chapter 280, General Laws, Acts of 1937, which became effective July 15, 1938, being an Act requiring property owners to connect their estates with the common sewer within a specified time period, was made to all owners of unconnected estates situated on sewered streets. The statute requires that properties abutting streets in which a common sewer is available or is constructed in the future must be connected thereto within a period of ten years, after, either the acceptance date of the Act by the Town (July 15, 1938) or the construction date of a sewer at a later time.

As of January 1, 1947 there are in the area serviced by the Reading sewer system 1,020 possible sewer house connections on existing sewered streets, of which number 790 or 77 per cent, are now connected. A majority of the remaining 230 possible sewer house connections will be directly affected by the above cited Act; i.e.: Must be connected before July 15, 1948.

Sewer House Connection Maintenance

Temporary stoppages occurred in the usual number of sewer house connections during the year, from various natural causes such as tree roots growing through pipe joints to foreign objects such as rags, bottles and toy automobiles forced through sewer openings. All stoppages were quickly cleared by the department when reported by householders.

READING SEWERAGE SYSTEM

Tables Showing

Streets Containing Sewers

Length of Sewer Connections

Main Sewers in Streets

Underdrains in Streets

STREETS

Streets	Possible Connections	Completed Connections	Per Cent Connected	No Construction Started	Connected to Street Line	Partially Installed to House	Revenue Charged 1946
Arlington	12	8	67	1	2	1	102.67
Ash	17	11	65	5	..	1	150.95
Bancroft	29	20	69	9	..	..	246.09
Berkeley	27	21	78	6	..	..	231.62
Brook	9	5	56	2	..	2	60.31
Center	10	9	90	..	1	..	105 92
Chute	6	2	33	4	..	..	6.00
Copeland	8	8	100	0	..	..	136.39
Deering	1	1	100	..	..	..	23.00
Dudley	10	8	80	2	..	..	102.56
Eaton	12	9	75	3	..	..	28.11
Echo	6	4	67	2	..	..	55.44
Elliott	8	6	75	2	..	..	54.71
Elm	4	2	50	2	..	..	15.20
Fairview	9	2	22	7	..	..	....
Fremont	4	4	100	..	..	..	40.94
Fulton	1	1	100	..	..	..	26.65
Gardner	8	8	100	..	..	..	80.44
Gilmore	2	2	100	..	..	..	55 09
Gould	6	6	100	..	..	..	111.36
Green	53	43	81	4	1	5	584.35
Harnden	9	8	89	..	1	..	121.62
Harrison	10	8	80	2	..	..	88.25
Haven	46	36	78	3	5	2	726.34
High	18	10	55	6	2	..	149.77
Hillcrest	10	19	90	1	..	..	124.96
Howard	18	18	100	..	..	..	218.48
Ide	2	1	50	1	..	..	18.64
John	19	18	95	1	..	..	211.58
King	6	6	100	..	..	..	90.09
Kingston	15	15	100	..	..	..	152.79
Lincoln	7	6	85	..	1	..	130.12
Linden	15	10	67	4	..	1	254.22
Lowell	4	4	100	..	..	..	51.46
Main	54	45	82	..	7	2	1,198.54
Marle	2	2	100	..	0	..	8.51
Middle	3	2	66	1	..	..	14.31
Middlesex	24	17	71	5	0	2	294.18
Minot	13	11	85	..	0	2	126.21
Mt. Vernon	23	18	78	5	..	..	178.15
Orange	3	2	66	1	..	..	32.27
Parker	7	7	100	..	..	..	114.21
Park	7	6	86	..	..	1	72.17
Pearl	16	8	50	8	..	..	144.25
Perkins	7	7	100	..	..	..	110.09
Pierce	2	2	100	..	..	..	80.60
Pine	1	1	100	..	..	..	6.00
Pleasant	37	29	78	8	2	..	425.84
Pratt	8	8	100	..	..	..	76.57
Prescott	53	50	94	1	2	..	675.76
Prospect	18	15	83	2	1	..	140.83
Salem	24	17	71	0	7	..	293.61
Sanborn	15	12	80	1	..	2	339.73
School	10	8	80	2	..	..	86.17
Scotland	3	3	100	..	..	..	24.10
Smith	15	15	100	..	..	..	179.79
Summer	23	12	52	11	..	1	130.55
Sunnyside	5	2	40	..	..	..	22.04
Sweetser	5	3	60	..	2	..	40.18
Temple	33	18	54	..	9	6	291.88
Union	5	3	60	1	..	1	33.29
Village	23	19	83	3	..	1	226.12
Warren	17	15	88	..	1	1	162.47
Washington	41	31	76	9	1	..	353.96
Wenda	4	4	100	..	..	..	45.77
Wilson	11	9	82	2	..	..	65.99
Woburn	87	60	69	3	21	3	846.33
Totals	1,020	790	77	130	66	34	11,399.59

LENGTH OF SEWER CONNECTIONS RUN TO EITHER CURB, HOUSES, OR CONNECTED

Streets	Curb	Houses	Connected	Total Length
Arlington	42.00	46.00	371.50	459.50
Ash	.....	.....	474.10	474.10
Bancroft	.....	.....	993.70	993.70
Berkeley	.....	.....	1,151.00	1,151.00
Brook	.....	85.50	252.60	338.10
Center	19.00	.....	371.50	390.50
Chute	.....	.....	121.50	121.50
Copeland	.....	.....	506.00	506.00
Deering	.....	.....	55.50	55.50
Dudley	.....	.....	493.00	493.00
Eaton	.....	.....	539.60	539.60
Echo	.....	.....	197.50	197.50
Elliott	.....	.....	404.50	404.50
Elm	.....	.....	84.30	84.30
Fairview	.....	.....	81.00	81.00
Fremont	.....	.....	209.00	209.00
Fulton	.....	.....	44.00	44.00
Gardner	.....	.....	335.10	335.10
Gilmore	.....	.....	81.70	81.70
Gould	.....	.....	425.20	425.20
Green	36.00	173.00	1,873.41	2,082.41
Harnden	32.00	.....	257.80	289.80
Harrison	.....	.....	367.40	367.40
Haven	176.00	79.00	1,566.70	1,821.70
High	22.00	.....	375.00	397.00
Hillcrest	.....	.....	570.00	570.00
Howard	25.00	.....	1,157.50	1,182.50
Ide	.....	.....	56.50	56.50
John	.....	37.00	819.90	856.90
King	.....	.....	369.10	369.10
Kingston	.....	.....	636.00	636.00
Lincoln	44.00	.....	323.50	367.50
Linden	.....	41.00	553.20	594.20
Lowell	.....	.....	287.00	287.00
Main	305.50	99.00	2,291.75	2,696.25
Maple	.....	.....	99.50	99.50
Middle	.....	.....	80.50	80.50
Middlesex	.....	138.00	1,131.20	1,269.20
Minot	.....	77.00	510.50	587.50
Mt. Vernon	.....	.....	914.50	914.50
Orange	.....	.....	128.90	128.90
Park	.....	37.00	208.00	245.00
Parker	.....	.....	302.50	302.50
Pearl	.....	.....	702.70	702.70
Perkins	.....	.....	434.80	434.80
Pierce	.....	.....	110.20	110.20
Pine	.....	.....	46.00	46.00
Pleasant	28.00	.....	1,360.80	1,388.80
Pratt	.....	.....	642.40	642.40
Prescott	68.00	148.00	3,256.80	3,472.80
Prospect	.....	.....	1,488.20	1,488.20
Salem	190.29	.....	1,040.31	1,230.60
Sanborn	.....	98.00	744.90	842.90
School	.....	.....	416.40	416.40
Scotland	.....	.....	163.00	163.00
Summer	.....	94.00	962.40	1,056.40
Smith	.....	.....	602.30	602.30
Sunnyside	.....	.....	93.50	93.50
Sweetser	43.00	.....	130.00	173.00
Temple	227.00	173.00	1,125.30	1,525.30
Union	.....	66.00	177.00	243.00
Village	.....	34.00	946.50	980.50
Warren	19.40	68.00	599.60	687.00
Washington	50.00	22.00	1,497.80	1,569.80
Wenda	.....	.....	202.50	202.50
Wilson	.....	43.00	380.90	423.90
Woburn	352.80	160.50	3,615.60	4,128.90
Totals	1,679.99	1,719.00	42,812.57	46,211.56

LENGTHS OF MAIN SEWERS IN STREET

Streets	5″	6″	8″	10″	12	15″	18″	20″	24″	Totals
Arlington			399.80							399.80
Ash			822.90			258.80				1,081.70
Bancroft		72.50	1,366.79							1,439.29
Berkeley			1,256.10							1,256.10
Brook									847.60	847.60
Center			620.60							620.60
Chute	191.00		120.00							311.00
Copeland			500.00							500.00
Deering		170.00								170.00
Dudley			374.50							374.50
Eaton					622.70	907.70				1,530.40
Echo			371.83	95.40	79.00					546.23
Elliott			396.00							396.00
Elm			383.28							383.28
Fairview			480.00							480.00
Fremont			456.50							456.50
Gardner			475.00							475.00
Gilmore	181.80									181.80
Green		175.20	1,717.40			821.60				2,714.20
Gould			296.39							296.39
Harnden			559.30							559.30
Harrison					565.00					565.00
Haven			1,752.80							1,752.80
High				1,338.05	736.10					2,074.15
Hillcrest			825.30							825.30
Howard		300.00	1,110.00							1,410.00
Interceptors			205.00						2,732.00	2,937.00
John		110.00	266.00			569.60			178.50	1,124.10
King		340.00	175.00							515.00
Kingston			719.30							719.30
Lincoln				573.40	538.10					1,111.50
Linden		304.40	735.30							1,281.70
Lowell			813.10							813.10
Main			1,246.10		955.50			234.90		2,436.50
Maple			189.20							189.20
Middle			313.60							313.60
Middlesex			1,423.40							1,423.40
Minot			1,409.65							1,409.65
Mt. Vernon			828.52	160.00						988.52
Orange					396.21					396.21
Park			507.30	322.70						830.00
Parker			427.00							427.00
Pearl					855.55					855.55
Perkins			400.00							400.00
Pierce			250.10							250.10
Pine			226.00							226.00
Pleasant			1,496.80		843.96					2,340.76
Pratt		46.00	776.30							822.30
Prescott			2,265.30		1,174.10					3,439.40
Prospect			1,260.00							1,260.00
Salem			1,082.10		132.50					1,214.60
Sanborn			716.30							716.30
School			688.25							688.25
Smith				475.00						475.00
Summer			1,587.10							1,587.10
Sunnyside		434.60		264.00						698.60
Sweetser			334.30							334.30
Temple		896.76		432.89	661.39					1,991.04
Union			303.60							303.60
Village			1,015.60				487.80			1,503.40
Warren			715.00							715.00
Washington			424.90		246.80	312.90		1,574.30		2,558.90
Wenda		300.00								300.00
Wilson				471.40	333.10					804.50
Woburn		815.80	2,999.25		917.40					4,732.45
Totals	372.80	4,186.06	39,863.06	4,132.84	9,057.41	2,870.60	487.80	1,809.20	3,758.10	66,537.87

LENGTH OF UNDERDRAINS IN STREETS

Streets	5 Inch	6 Inch	8 Inch	10 Inch	Total Length	Total Length Sewers and Underdrains
Arlington	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	399.80
Ash	237.00	.....	.....	258.80	495.80	1,577.50
Bancroft	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,439.29
Berkeley	.....	456.00	.....	.....	456.00	1,712.10
Brook	.....	847.60	.....	.....	847.60	1,695.20
Center	620.60	.....	.....	.....	620.60	1,241.20
Chute	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	120.00
Copeland	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500.00
Deering	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	170.00
Dudley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	374.50
Eaton	.....	1,002.70	527.70	.....	1,530.40	3,060.80
Echo	.....	528.83	.....	.....	528.83	1,074.66
Elliott	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	396.00
Elm	383.28	.....	.....	.....	383.28	766.56
Fairview	.....	478.00	.....	.....	478.00	958.00
Fremont	.....	456.50	.....	.....	456.60	913.00
Gardner	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	475.00
Gilmore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	181.80
Green	836.90	974.10	.....	.....	1,811.00	4,525.20
Harnden	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	559.30
Harrison	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	565.00
Haven	.....	588.20	.....	.....	588.20	2,341.00
High	.....	487.70	736.10	.....	1,223.80	3,297.95
Hillcrest	.....	450.40	.....	.....	450.40	1,275.70
Howard	.....	1,410.00	.....	.....	1,410.00	2,820.00
Interceptors	.....	2,937.00	.....	.....	2,937.00	5,874.00
John	.....	748.10	.....	.....	748.10	1,872.20
King	.....	175.00	.....	.....	175.00	690.00
Kingston	609.30	110.00	.....	.....	719.30	1,438.60
Lincoln	.....	.....	1,111.50	.....	1,111.50	2,223.00
Linden	290.40	444.90	.....	.....	735.30	1,712.60
Lowell	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	813.10
Main	.....	1,246.10	955.50	234.90	2,436.50	4,873.00
Maple	189.20	.....	.....	.....	189.20	378.40
Middle	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	313.60
Middlesex	254.00	.....	.....	.....	254.00	1,677.40
Minot	972.65	437.00	.....	.....	1,409.65	2,819.30
Mt. Vernon	.....	230.30	.....	.....	230.30	1,218.82
Orange	.....	396.21	.....	.....	396.21	792.42
Park	507.30	.....	322.70	.....	830.00	1,660.00
Parker	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	427.00
Pearl	.....	855.55	.....	.....	855.55	1,711.10
Perkins	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	400.00
Pierce	.....	155.20	.....	.....	155.20	405.30
Pine	226.00	.....	.....	.....	226.00	452.00
Pleasant	.....	374.00	469.80	.....	843.80	3,184.56
Pratt	252.20	303.30	.....	.....	555.50	1,331.90
Prescott	1,070.60	2,091.80	.....	.....	3,162.40	6,601.80
Prospect	886.00	.....	.....	.....	886.00	2,146.00
Salem	543.00	77.20	132.50	.....	752.70	1,967.30
Sanborn	200.00	.....	.....	.....	200.00	916.30
School	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	688.25
Smith	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	475.00
Summer	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,229.40
Sunnyside	432.60	222.00	.....	.....	654.60	1,353.20
Sweetser	175.00	.....	.....	.....	175.00	509.30
Temple	.....	40.00	.....	.....	40.00	2,031.04
Union	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	303.60
Village	.....	825.00	.....	.....	825.00	2,328.40
Warren	715.00	.....	.....	.....	715.00	1,430.00
Washington	.....	724.00	246.80	1,163.20	2,134.00	4,692.90
Wenda	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300.00
Wilson	.....	.....	804.50	.....	804.50	1,609.00
Woburn	1,196.00	.....	917.40	.....	2,113.40	6,845.85
Total Lengths	10,597.03	20,072.69	6,224.50	1,656.90	38,541.12	104,326.50

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

To the Board of Public Works:
Gentlemen:

The following is the yearly report of the executive office:

Appropriation		$ 6,300.00
Expended:		
Salaries	$ 5,483.25	
Supplies and Misc.	810.51	
Total Expended		$ 6,293.76
Balance Unexpended		$ 6.24

The following table shows the expenditures made this past year in the major departments, the payroll of each, and the entire expenditures of the Department of Public Works:

Note: Highway includes all other departmental accounts not specifically mentioned below, such as Chapter 90, Drainage, Sidewalks, Snow and Ice, etc.

	B.P.W.	Water	Highway	Sewer	Park	Totals
Pay Roll	$5,483.25	$28,997.60	$ 57,508.04	$ 9,185.34	$4,359.19	$105,533.42
Bills	810.51	36,256.28	74,175.05	9,744.34	2,139.17	123,125.35
	$6,293.76	$65,253.88	$131,683.09	$18,929.68	$6,498.36	$228,658.77

In closing this report, the Superintendent wishes to express his appreciation to the members of the Board for their many helpful suggestions and kindnesses extended to him during the year, and to assure all those in any way associated with him in carrying on the work of the Department of his gratitude for their interest and co-operation, and to acknowledge the assistance, co-operation and helpful suggestions which he has received from the other department heads of the town.

PHILIP WELCH,

Superintendent

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

For the Year Ended December 31, 1946

The transactions in the General Cash Account, in summary form, were as follows:

Balance January 1, 1946		$ 437,563.39
Receipts		1,943,287.66
		$2,380,851.05
Disbursements		1,886,466.47
Balance December 31, 1946		$ 494,384.58

Funded Debt

Outstanding January 1, 1946	$ 197,500.00	
Bonds and Notes Issued in 1946	None	$ 197,500.00
Bonds and Notes Paid in 1946	44,500.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1946	153,000.00	$ 197,500.00

There were no temporary loans in anticipation of revenue.

A more detailed statement of receipts and disbursements and a statement of the trust funds are presented in the report of the Town Accountant.

PRESTON F. NICHOLS,

Treasurer

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

For the Year Ended December 31, 1946

Taxes and Assessments 1944		
Uncollected December 31, 1945	$ 8,035.01	
Interest and Costs Collected	542.79	
Refunds	43.52	
Paid Treasurer		$ 8,493.71
Abatements		116.23
Tax Takings		11.38
Uncollected December 31, 1946		.00
	$ 8,621.32	$ 8,621.32
Taxes and Assessments 1945		
Uncollected December 31, 1945	$ 46,486.55	
Committed 1946	116.42	
Refunds	643.22	
Interest and Costs Collected	940.07	
Paid Treasurer		$ 40,361.42
Abatements		241.84
Tax Takings		11.70
Uncollected December 31, 1946		7,571.30
	$ 48,186.26	$ 48,186.26
Taxes and Assessments 1946		
General Tax Warrant	$721,837.70	
Interest and Costs Collected	371.34	
Refunds	1,446.36	
Paid Treasurer		$673,909.58
Abatements		7,040.77
Tax Takings		225.52
Uncollected December 31, 1946		42,479.53
	$723,655.40	$723,655.40
Sewer Rentals		
Uncollected December 31, 1945	$ 1,232.66	
Committed 1946	11,675.94	
Interest and Costs Collected	122.63	
Refunds	30.30	
Paid Treasurer		$ 11,524.49
Abatements		233.03
Uncollected December 31,1946		1,304.01
	$ 13,061.53	$ 13,061.53

Highway Betterment

Committed 1946	$ 1,756.16	
Uncollected December 31, 1946		$ 1,756.16
	$ 1,756.16	$ 1,756.16
Advance Payment Apportioned Highway	334.63	
Interest Collected	3.32	
Paid Treasurer		337.95
	$ 337.95	$ 337.95

Sidewalk Betterment

Uncollected December 31, 1945	$ 577.76	
Committed 1946	2,572.89	
Interest Collected	.65	
Paid Treasurer		$ 190.33
Betterment Apportioned		388.08
Uncollected December 31, 1946		2,572.89
	$ 3,151.30	$ 3,151.30
Advance Payment Apportioned Sidewalk	139.27	
Interest Collected	.35	
Paid Treasurer		139.62
	$ 139.62	$ 139.62

Sewer Betterment

Uncollected December 31, 1945	$ 641.76	
Committed 1946	1,757.53	
Refund	25.45	
Paid Treasurer		$ 273.07
Betterment Apportioned		368.69
Abatements		25.45
Uncollected December 31, 1946		1,757.53
	$ 2,424.74	$ 2,424.74
Advance Payment Apportioned Sewer	72.90	
Interest Collected	1.07	
Paid Treasurer		73.97
	$ 73.97	$ 73.97

Sewer House Connections

Uncollected December 31, 1945	$ 698.54	
Committed 1946	1,392.36	
Paid Treasurer		$ 263.30
Betterment Apportioned		435.24

Uncollected December 31, 1946		1,392.36
	$ 2,090.90	$ 2,090.90
Advance Payment Sewer House Connections	127.57	
Interest Collected	1.11	
Paid Treasurer		128.68
	$ 128.68	$ 128.68
Granolithic Construction		
Uncollected December 31, 1945	$ 51.09	
Paid Treasurer		$ 51.09
	$ 51.09	$ 51.09
Certificates		
Certificates of Municipal Lien	$ 160.00	
Postage	.03	
Paid Treasurer		$ 160.03
	$ 160.03	$ 160.03
Estate of Deceased Persons		
Uncollected December 31, 1945	$ 376.66	
Committed 1946	621.86	
Abatements		$ 376.66
Uncollected December 31, 1946		621.86
	$ 998.52	$ 998.52
Cancellation of Abatements 1942 Real Estate Tax	$ 140.00	
Paid Treasurer		$ 140.00
Recapitulation		
Total Receipts from Taxes and Assessments	706,066.41	
Highway Assessments and Interest	337.95	
Sidewalk Assessments and Interest	329.95	
Sewer Assessments and Interest	11,871.53	
House Connections and Interest	391.98	
Granolithic Construction	51.09	
Motor Vehicle Assessments	14,844.10	
Interest Costs, etc.	2,154.23	
Paid Treasurer as per Treasurer's Receipts		$736,047.24
	$736,047.24	$736,047.24

WILLIAM E. MORRISON,
Collector of Taxes

Annual Report

of the

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Receipts and Expenditures

For the Year Ended December 31, 1946

RECEIPTS 1946

FROM TAXES

1942 Real Estate	$ 140.00	
1944 Personal	61.96	
Poll	14.00	
Real Estate	7,664.06	
1945 Poll	6.00	
Personal	1,001.54	
Real Estate	37,617.90	
1946 Poll	6,246.00	
Personal	29,168.84	
Real Estate	619,647.14	
		$701,567.44
Tax Title Redemptions		$ 1,285.50
From the State:		
Income Tax	$ 84,900.80	
Corporation Tax	46,512.43	
Meals Tax, Chap. 729, Acts 1941	4,402.38	
Gasoline Tax	14,389.27	
		$150,204.88
From the County:		
Dog License Fees		$ 1,416.13
From Special Assessments added to Taxes:		
Moth and Tree Work	$ 757.95	
Sewer	672.35	
Sewer House Connections	490.50	
Sidewalk	1,076.93	
Highway	1,606.83	
Victory Gardens Plowing	60.00	
		$ 4,664.56
Betterment Assessments Advance Payments:		
Sewer	$ 72.90	
Sewer House Connections	127.57	
Sidewalk	139.27	
Highway	334.63	
		$ 674.37

From Motor Vehicle Excise		$ 14,844.10
From Licenses and Permits:		
Board of Selectmen:		
Revolver	$ 55.50	
Common Victualers	74.00	
Theater	57.00	
Second Hand Auto	70.00	
Junk	25.00	
Second Hand Articles	14.00	
Lord's Day	132.50	
Taxicab	24.00	
Trucking	10.00	
Bowling and Pool	6.00	
Auctioneers	14.00	
Inn Holder	1.00	
Peddler	1.00	
Amusement	24.00	
Advertising Hearings	29.50	
		$ 537.50
Board of Health:		
Physiotherapist	$ 1.00	
Undertaker	4.00	
Frozen Desserts	10.00	
Pasteurization	10.00	
		$ 25.00
Town Clerk:		
Dog Licenses for County	$ 1,977.20	
Dog Licenses for Town	177.80	
Sporting Licenses for State	1,174.25	
Sporting Licenses for Town	147.75	
Birth Certificates	34.75	
Death Certificates	45.00	
Voters Certificates	5.75	
Marriage Licenses and Certificates	353.00	
Mortgages and Discharges	598.55	
Pole Locations	22.00	
Certificates of Business	21.00	
Gas Permits	15.50	
Bill of Sale	3.00	
Permit to sell Christmas Trees	5.00	

Unclassified	6.79	
		$ 4,587.34
Fines and Forfeits:		
Court Fines		$ 60.00
DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE		
From Tax Collector:		
Costs and Charges	$ 413.35	
Certificates	160.03	
		$ 573.38
Board of Appeal, Adv. Hearings		$ 50.00
Police Department:		
Ambulance Fees	$ 490.00	
Bicycle Registration	78.25	
Miscellaneous	7.98	
		$ 576.23
Moth and Tree Department:		
Moth and Tree Work Charges		$ 1,412.71
Sealer of Weights and Measures Fee		49.02
Inspector of Milk and Food Fees		23.50
Inspector of Buildings Fees		621.00
Health and Sanitation:		
Sewer Rentals	$ 11,402.56	
Sewer Rentals Costs	77.00	
State Subsidy	249.28	
Other Cities and Towns, Contagious Diseases	203.50	
Comm. of Mass. Div. of T. B.	819.00	
		$ 12,751.34
Public Works Department:		
Road Machinery Account Rentals	$ 20,493.93	
Granolithic Construction	48.38	
Comm. Mass. Snow Plowing	1,624.50	
Victory Gardens Plowing	72.00	
Sundry Charges	225.38	
		$ 22,464.19
Fed. Works Agency—Public Works		$ 750.00

Charities and Aid:		
Reimbursement for General Aid:		
From the State	$ 1,898.80	
From Other Cities and Towns	1,362.98	
Sundry Parties	399.39	
		$ 3,661.17
Reimbursement for A.D.C.:		
From the State		$ 4,991.10
Reimbursement from O.A.A.:		
From the State	$ 58,392.97	
From Other Cities and Towns	2,338.78	
From Individuals and Estates	3,146.43	
		$ 63,878.18
Reimbursement for Sick, State, Poor:		
From the State		$ 50.00
Reimbursement for Burial:		
From the State		$ 100.00
United States Government Federal Grants:		
For Aid to Dependent Children Adm.	$ 813.63	
For Aid to Dependent Children Aid	2,878.40	
For Old Age Assistance Adm.	1,743.75	
For Old Age Assistance Aid	50,960.97	
		$ 56,396.75
Veterans Benefits:		
Reimbursement from State:		
State Aid	$ 280.00	
Military Aid	172.00	
War Allowances	358.00	
		$ 810.00
School Department:		
Comm. Mass. Vocational Education	$ 654.78	
City of Boston, Tuition City Wards	193.93	

Comm. Mass. Tuition	942.54	
Tuition, Other Towns	11,424.02	
Comm. Mass. Milk Fund	4,373.04	
Cafeteria Receipts	23,308.03	
Miscellaneous	256.83	
		$ 41,153.17
Fed. Works Agency School Plans		$ 6,900.00
Library:		
Fines		$ 855.57
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:		
Light Department:		
Sales, Light, Power	$484,027.95	
Street Lighting	15,000.00	
Merchandise and Jobbing	113,248.40	
Miscellaneous	1,186.76	
		$613,463.11
Water Department:		
Sale Water, Meter Rates	$ 56,600.98	
Miscellaneous	3,952.72	
Water Rates added to Taxes	163.96	
		$ 60,717.66
Cemetery Department:		
Sale Lots and Graves	$ 2,580.00	
Annual Care, Interments, etc.	4,017.00	
Soldiers' Graves Account	435.80	
		$ 7,032.80
Sewer Department:		
Guarantee Deposits House Connections		$ 659.20
Interest:		
Deferred Taxes	$ 1,434.44	
Deferred Special Assessments	545.66	
Tax Title Redemptions	181.77	
Motor Vehicle Excise	6.46	

Sewer Rentals	44.93	
		$ 2,213.26

AGENCY TRUST AND INVESTMENT:

Hospital Fund, Gilman L. Parker:		
Income		$ 3,037.50
Hospital Fund, Anne S. Grouard Income		$ 1,940.00
Cemetery Bequest Fund:		
Bequest	$ 5,720.00	
Income	1,387.50	
Care Endowed Lots and Graves	3,142.72	
		$ 10,250.22
Library—Donald L. Tuttle, Jr. Fund		
Bequest		$ 500.00
R. H. S. Scholarship Fund:		
For Transfer		$ 200.00
Post War Rehabilitation Fund:		
Income		$ 546.88
Withholding for Income Taxes		$ 59,021.38
Blue Cross		5,054.20
Salvage Fund		156.35
Refunds General Accounts:		
Veterans' Benefits	$ 104.00	
Land Court	17.40	
School Department	3.96	
Insurance	206.88	
Contagious Diseases	4.00	
Elec. and Reg.	10.80	
Police Dept.	232.10	
Highway Dept.	202.00	
Withholding Tax	16,234.81	
Board of Public Works	26.00	
Road Machinery Operation	16.45	
Miscellaneous Expense	12.90	
Public Welfare General Aid	174.40	
Public Welfare Old Age Asst.	181.47	

Public Welfare A. D. C.	40.60	
Treasurer's Dept.	6.00	
Public Welfare, Special Fund	125.05	
		$ 17,598.82
Other Refunds:		
Gas Tax Refunds	$ 194.43	
Recreation Comm. Petty Cash	15.00	
		$ 209.43
REIMBURSEMENTS:		
Insurance Account:		
Municipal Light Department	$ 2,024.41	
Water Department	1,546.00	
Sewer Department	821.94	
		$ 4,392.35
Comm. Mass. Chap. 90	$ 3,784.49	
County of Middlesex Chap. 90	2,138.55	
		$ 5,923.04
Demolition of Central Garage		$ 155.00
Demolition of Mem. Park, Barn		$ 50.00
Parking Area—Gift, Economy Stores		$ 500.00
UNCLASSIFIED:		
Municipal Light Dept. to Town		$ 50,000.00
Peddler's License, State	16.00	
Sale Land	1,285.00	
Recording Fees	26.56	
Tailings Account	278.73	
Sale Material	45.00	
Sale of Coal	81.04	
		$ 52,437.33
Total Receipts		$1,943,287.66

RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS

General Revenue:	
Taxes, Town	$701,567.44
Taxes, State	150,204.88
Licenses and Permits	5,149.84
Grants and Gifts	1,416.13
Tax Title Redemptions	1,285.50
Special Assessments	16,742.21
Motor Vehicle Excise	14,844.10
Departmental Accounts	4,731.75
Federal Grants	56,396.75
School Department	41,153.17
Road Machinery Account	20,493.93
Federal Works Agency	7,650.00
Charities	72,680.45
Fines and Fees	2,808.70
Public Service Enterprises:	
Light Dept.	613,463.11
Water Dept.	60,717.66
Cemeteries	7,032.80
Interest	2,212.54
Agency, Trust and Investment	81,365.73
Refunds and Reimbursements	28,123.64
Light Dept. to Treasury	50,000.00
Veterans' Benefits	810.00
Sale Land and Material	1,330.00
Unclassified	1,107.33
	$1,943,287.66

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Balance from 1945	Appropriated 1946	Other Credits	Total	Payments	Transfers	Bal. Dec. 31
General Government							
Selectmen's Expenses		$ 1,000.00	$ 50.00	$ 1,050.00	$ 1,031.57		$ 18.43
Selectmen's Clerical		1,069.70		1,069.70	1,069.70		
Town Accountant's Salary		1,709.54	823.99	2,533.53	2,533.53		
Treasurer's Salary		1,575.00		1,575.00	1,575.00		
Treasurer's Expenses		800.00		800.00	792.42		7.58
Treasurer's Clerical		480.00	20.00	500.00	500.00		
Collector's Salary		2,650.00		2,6500.00	2,650.00		
Collector's Expenses		1,100.00		1,100.00	1,100.00		
Collector's Clerical		1,800.00		1,800.00	1,694.80		105.20
Assessors' Salaries		2,760.00		2,760.00	2,340.00		420.00
Assessors' Expenses		3,500.00		3,500.00	2,216.53		1,283.47
Assessors' Clerical		3,380.00		3,380.00	3,380.00		
Town Counsel's Salary		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00		
Town Counsel's Expenses		550.00	75.00	625.00	618.23		6.77
Town Clerk's Salary		1,102.50		1,102.50	1,102.50		
Town Clerk's Expenses		500.00	500.00	1,000.00	970.75		29.25
Registrars' Salaries		347.29		347.29	347.29		
Registrars' Expenses		1,000.00	250.00	1,250.00	936.90		313.10
Election and Registration Expenses		2,000.00	710.80	2,710.80	2,699.98		10.82
Planning Board Expense		100.00		100.00	91.02		8.98
Miscellaneous Expense		4,200.00	1,050.00	5,250.00	4,850.00		400.00
Municipal Building Maintenance		3,600.00	1,550.00	5,150.00	5,142.98		7.02
		$ 36,724.03	$ 5,029.79	$ 41,753.82	$ 39,143.20		$ 2,610.62

	Balance from 1945	Appropriated 1946	Other Credits	Total	Payments	Transfers	Bal. Dec. 31
Protection of Persons and Property							
Police Dept. Salaries		$ 44,350.00		$ 44,350.00	$ 43,323.03		$ 1,026.97
Police Dept. Pensions		3,255.75		3,255.75	3,255.08		.67
Police Dept. Maintenance		5,300.00	600.00	5,900.00	5,888.36		11.64
Police Station Maintenance		1,700.00	100.00	1,800.00	1,787.05		12.95
Fire Dept. Salaries		31,450.00		31,450.00	30,807.93		642.07
Fire Dept. Callmen Salaries		3,500.00		3,500.00	3,431.22		68.78
O. O. Ordway, Pension		1,300.00		1,300.00	1,300.00		
Fire Dept. Maintenance		2,800.00	800.00	3,600.00	3,592.71		7.29
Fire Stations Maintenance		2,730.00		2,730.00	2,729.24		.76
Fire Alarm Maintenance		2,000.00		2,000.00	1,998.90		1.10
Fire Alarm Extension		600.00		600.00	279.48		320.52
Hydrant Rentals		500.00		500.00	500.00		
Moth and Tree Depts.		12,399.00	1,000.00	13,399.00	13,393.97		5.03
Inspector of Buildings Salary		551.25		551.25	551.25		
Inspector of Wires Salary		210.00		210.00	210.00		
Sealer of Wts. and Meas. Salary		551.25		551.25	551.25		
Sealer of Wts. and Meas. Expense		250.00		250.00	237.63		12.37
Game Warden Salary		105.00		105.00	105.00		
Dog Officer Salary		330.75		330.75	330.75		
Police Ambulance	$ 4,400.00		745.50	5,145.50			5,145.50
		$113,883.00	$ 3,245.50	$121,528.50	$114,272.85		$ 7,255.65

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Balance from 1945	Appropriated 1946	Other Credits	Total	Payments	Transfers	Bal. Dec. 31
Health and Sanitation							
Board of Health Salaries		$ 315.00		$ 315.00	$ 315.00		
Board of Health Expenses		275.00	25.00	300.00	290.19		9.81
Inspector of Plumbing Salary		525.00		525.00	391.62		133.38
Inspector of Animals Salary		220.50		220.50	220.50		
Inspector of Milk and Food Salary		220.50		220.50	220.50		
Care of Contagious Dieseases		5,000.00	4.00	5,004.00	5,002.03		1.97
Garbage Collection		3,600.00		3,600.00	3,600.00		
Dental Clinic		1,100.00		1,100.00	1,100.00		
Child Welfare		400.00		400.00	400.00		
		$ 11,656.00	$ 29.00	$ 11,685.00	$ 11,539.84		$ 145.16
Charities and Aid							
General Aid Administrative		$ 5,100.00		$ 5,100.00	$ 4,661.49		$ 438.51
General Aid		17,500.00	174.40	17,674.40	11,851.78	4,500.00	1,322.62
Aid to Dependent Children Adm. ..		1,000.00		1,000.00	866.31		133.69
Aid to Dependent Children		13,000.00	1,540.60	14,540.60	13,454.91		1,085.69
A. D. C. Adm. Federal Grants			813.63	813.63	813.63		
A. D. C. Federal Grants			2,878.40	2,878.40	2,878.40		
Old Age Assistance Adm.		6,650.00		6,650.00	6,218.25		431.75
Old Age Assistance		88,750.00	181.47	88,931.47	85,114.58		3,816.89
O. A. A. Adm. Federal Grants			1,743.75	1,743.75	1,743.75		
O. A. A. Aid Federal Grants			52,312.63	52,312.63	52,312.63		
		$132,000.00	$ 59,644.88	$191,644.88	$179,915.73	$ 4,500.00	$ 7,229.15

	Balance from 1945	Appropriated 1946	Other Credits	Total	Payments	Transfers	Bal. Dec. 31
Veterans' Benefits		$ 14,000.00	104.00	14,104.00	9,099.36	3,350.00	1,654.64
Education							
School Dept. General Salaries		$286,511.65	3.96	286,515.61	278,107.10		8,408.51
School Dept. General Maintenance		48,781.00		48,781.00	48,760.41		20.59
School Dept. Industrial Tuition		2,000.00		2,000.00	1,554.21		445.79
School Cafeterias		32,000.00	17,595,79	49,595.79	32,750.74	12,997.38	3,847.67
School Cafeterias Construction		4,000.00		4,000.00	3,997.96		2.04
School Transportation		11,200.00		11,200.00	10,605.77		594.23
New High School Plans	112.98			112.98	53.15		59.83
Retirement Fund for School Teach.		700.00		700.00	700.00		
Unpaid School Tuition Bill		82.89		82.89	82.89		
Elementary School Plans	4,076.38			4,076.38	3,800.00		276.38
Land Pur. Oak St. & Summer Ave.	7,093.00			7,093.00	2,503.50		4,589.50
Fed. Works Agency School Plans			6,900.00	6,900.00	600.00		6,300.00
School Dept. Safety Equipment			12,515.00	12,515.00			12,515.00
	$ 11,282.36	$385,275.54	$ 37,014.75	$433,572.65	$383,515.73	$ 12,997.38	$ 37,059.54
Public Library Salaries		$ 6,700.00	75.00	6,775.00	6,761.58		13.42
Public Library Maintenance		3,300.00	110.00	3,410.00	3,394.61		15.39
		$ 10,000.00	$ 185.00	$ 10,185.00	$ 10,156.19		$ 28.81
Cemeteries		$ 13,200.00	$ 4,578.52	$ 17,778.52	$ 17,774.45		$ 4.07

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Balance from 1945	Appropriated 1946	Other Credits	Total	Payments	Transfers	Bal. Dec. 31
Public Works							
Administrative Expense		$ 6,300.00	$ 26.00	$ 6,326.00	$ 6,319.76		$ 6.24
Highway Department		47,000.00	2,502.00	49,502.00	48,493.99	1,000.00	8.01
Snow & Ice Removal		20,000.00	2,500.00	22,500.00	22,017.35		482.65
Sidewalk Construction		8,000.00		8,000.00	7,991.80		8.20
Drainage Construction		8,000.00		8,000.00	7,995.17		4.83
Maintenance Storm Drains		4,500.00		4,500.00	4,500.00		
Maintenance Town Dump		1,900.00		1,900.00	1,897.90		2.10
Park Dept.		6,200.00	300.00	6,500.00	6,498.36		1.64
Sewer Dept. Maint. and Const.		15,000.00		15,000.00	14,966.18		33.82
Sewer Dept. House Connections		4,000.00		4,000.00	3,963.50		36.50
Water Dept.		55,000.00	16,000.00	71,000.00	65,253.88		5,746.12
Drinking Fountains		100.00		100.00	100.00		
Mineral St. Bridge Plans	$ 250.00			250.00			250.00
Wescroft Rd. Betterment	1,850.90	500.00		2,350.90			2,350.90
Springvale Rd. Betterment	162.24	250.00		412.24			412.24
West Hill Circle Betterment	834.06	250.00		1,084.06			1,084.06
Drainage System Installation	1,050.50			1,050.50			1,050.50
Road Machinery Acct. (Rentals)	16,074.28		20,688.36	36,762.64		16,300.00	20,462.64
Road Machinery Fund (Operation)	262.51		16,316.45	16,578.96	15,297.47		1,281.49
Spec. Comm Low Cost Housing	257.15			257.15			257.15
Harvard St. Betterment	351.20			351.20			351.20
Post War Plans	2,264.76			2,264.76	932.14		1,332.62
Cape Cod Ave. Betterment		1,961.00		1,961.00	1,960.40		.60
Wood End Lane Betterment		1,511.00		1,511.00	1,498.82		12.18

Chap. 90 Lowell St.		4,500.00	13,500.00	18,000.00	8,994.69	6,000.00	3,005.31
Chap. 90 Charles St.		4,500.00	13,500.00	18,000.00		13,500.00	4,500.00
Chap. 90 Main St.		2,500.00	7,500.00	10,000.00	6,583.76		3,416.24
Chap. 90 Maintenance			3,000.00	3,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Water Dept. Garage			25,000.00	25,000.00	269.60		24,730.40
	$ 23,357.60	$191,972.00	$120,832.81	$336,162.41	$227,034.77	$ 38,300.00	$ 70,827.64
Municipal Light Dept.	150,322.05		613,463.11	763,785.16	618,888.12		144,897.04
Municipal Light Dept. Underground Const.	1,431.59			1,431.59			1,431.59
Mun. Light. Dept. Spec. Acct.	2,000.00			2,000.00	2,000.00		
	$153,753.64		$613,463.11	$767,216.75	$620,888.12		$146,328.63

Unclassified

Memorial Day Observance	$ 1,000.00		$ 1,000.00	$ 947.97		$ 52.03
Int. not Incl. Water, Light, Sewer	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,660.48		339.52
Maturing Debt. not incl. Water, Lt.	22,500.00		22,500.00	22,500.00		
Insurance	15,387.73	4,496.65	19,884.38	18,786.94	1,000.00	97.44
Contributory Retirement System	23,040.00		23,040.00	23,040.00		
Servicemen's Retirement	371.71		371.71	371.71		
Street Lighting	15,000.00		15,000.00	15,000.00		
Land Court Expense	200.00		200.00	99.53		100.47
Reserve Fund		10,000.00	10,000.00		8,874.49	1,125.51
Care Soldiers Graves	800.00		800.00	800.00		
Street List Publication	600.00	150.00	750.00	733.91		16.09
Rent Legion Quarters	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00		

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Balance from 1945	Appropriated 1946	Other Credits	Total	Payments	Transfers	Bal. Dec. 31
Rent V. F. W. Quarters		500.00		500.00	500.00		
Town Forest		1,700.00		1,700.00	1,560.00		140.00
Recreation Committee		4,500.00		4,500.00	4,489.20		10.80
Post War Planning Committee	500.00			500.00	5.00		495.00
Capital Exp. Planning Committee	372.42	500.00		872.42	368.95		503.47
Dog Pound	36.73			36.73	20.25		16.48
Flag Pole On Common		120.00	1,280.00	1,400.00	1,358.55		41.45
Land Purchase, Parking Area		13,000.00	500.00	13,500.00	7,913.98		5,586.02
Aid to Agriculture Chap. 128 G.L.		100.00		100.00	18.48		81.52
Personal Injuries, T. J. Fitzpatrick		10.00		10.00	10.00		
Civilian Def. Fighting Equip...			500.00	500.00	500.00		
Welcome Home Celebration			4,250.00	4,250.00	3,380.13		869.87
	$ 909.15	$102,329.44	$ 21,176.65	$124,415.24	$105,065.08	$ 9,874.49	$ 9,475.67
Refunds, Taxes, Assts., etc.			$ 2,512.89	$ 2,512.89	$ 2,512.89		
Hospital Fund	$ 1,585.83		3,037.50	4,623.33	2,344.00		2,279.33
Anne S. Grouard Fund	983.01		1,940.00	2,923.01	2,923.01		
Cemetery Bequest Fund	964.39		7,107.50	8,071.89	7,946.89		125.00
Donald N. Tuttle, Jr. Fund			500.00	500.00	500.00		
Federal Works Agency Pub. Works			750.00	750.00	750.00		
R. H. S. Scholarship Fund			200.00	200.00	200.00		
Premium and Interest Account	820.08			820.08		820.08	
Tailings Account	493.12		278.73	771.85	224.52		547.33
Sewer H. C. Guarantee Deposits			659.20	659.20	89.60	569.60	

	Balance from 1945	Appropriated 1946	Other Credits	Total	Payments	Transfers	Bal. Dec. 31
Dog Fees to County	18.00		1,983.60	2,001.60	1,955.00	3.20	43.40
Salvage Account	5,486.32		2,801.02	8,287.34	81.72	1,750.00	6,455.62
Special Fund Welfare			125.05	125.05	125.05		
Recording Fees	2.00		26.56	28.56	26.56		2.00
Sporting Licenses to State	23.25		1,175.75	1,199.00	1,185.00	1.75	12.25
Withholding Tax	5,471.80		75,256.19	80,727.99	75,940.17		4,787.82
Blue Cross	1,968.35		5,054.20	7,022.55	5,759.40		1,263.15
Middlesex County Hospital			4,601.71	4,601.71	4,601.71		
County Tax			28,538.12	28,538.12	28,538.12		
State Parks and Reservations			901.26	901.26	901.26		
State Tax			14,300.00	14,300.00	14,300.00		
Metropolitan Sewer Asst.			17,005.70	17,005.70	17,005.70		
State Audit Retirement System			85.55	85.55	85.55		
Recreation Committee Petty Cash			15.00	15.00	15.00		
Municipal Light Dept. Petty Cash			50.00	50.00	50.00		
	$ 17,816.15		$163,905.53	$186,721.68	$168,061.15	$ 3,144.63	$ 15,515.90
Grand Total	$211,518.90	$1,011,040.01	$1,034,209.54	$2,256,768.45	$1,886,466.47	$ 72,166.50	$298,135.48

RECAPITULATION OF PAYMENTS

Department Expenditures	$943,814.12
Public Service Enterprises:	
Municipal Light Dept.	620,888.12
Water Dept.	65,253.88
Interest, not incl. Water, Light, Sewer	1,660.48
Funded Debt not incl. Water, Light	22,500.00
Agency, Trust and Investment	13,913.90
State and County Taxes and Assts.	68,486.79
Contributory Retirement System	23,411.71
Withholding for Income Taxes	75,940.17
Street Lighting	15,000.00
Insurance	18,786.94
Refunds, Taxes, etc.	2,512.89
Road Machinery Fund	15,297.47
	$1,886,466.47

TREASURER'S CASH

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1946	$ 437,563.39	
Receipts 1946	1,943,287.66	
	$2,380,851.05	
Payments 1946	1,886,466.47	
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1946		$494,384.58
Tax Titles:		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1946	$ 2,095.29	
Taxes, Assts. etc. on Property taken	264.78	
Cash, redemption of property		$ 1,285.50
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1946		1,074.57
	$ 2,360.07	$ 2,360.07
Tax Title Possessions:		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1946	$ 4,628.08	
Gain on Sales	276.91	
Cash, property sold		$ 1,025.00
Loss on Sales		54.03
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1946		$ 3,825.96
	$ 4,904.99	$ 4,904.99

Water Rates:

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1946	$ 5,098.00	
Meter Rates, etc. 1946	63,080.67	
Adjustments	34.30	
Refunds	80.10	
Cash		$ 60,553.70
Discounts and Credits		423.89
To Taxes		240.67
Audit Adjustments, 1946		123.13
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1946		6,951.68
	$ 68,293.07	$ 68,293.07

Water Rates Added to Taxes 1946:

Commitment	$ 224.67	
Costs	16.00	
Cash		$ 100.64
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1946		140.03
	$ 240.67	$ 240.67

Water Rates added to Taxes 1945:

Bal. Jan. 1, 1946	$ 36.36	
Cash		$ 28.36
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1946		$ 8.00
	$ 36.36	$ 36.36

Water Reserve:

Cash, Water Rates to Taxes		$ 163.96
Transferred to Water Available Surplus	$ 163.96	
	$ 163.96	$ 163.96

Water Available Surplus:

Balance Jan. 1, 1946		$ 48,697.54
Transfer from Water Reserve		163.96
Transfer to Water Dept.	$ 16,000.00	
Transfer to Water Dept. Gar.	25,000.00	
Balance to 1947	7,861.50	
	$ 48,861.50	$ 48,861.50

Municipal Light Dept. Accounts Receivable:

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1946	$ 49,473.47	
Charges 1946	655,554.73	
Cash		$612,268.35
Discounts and Credits		42,056.09
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1946		50,703.76
	$705,028.20	$705,028.20

Municipal Light Dept. Consumers' Deposits:

Balance Jan. 1, 1946	15,264.00	
Cash Receipts	8,672.00	
Refunds		$ 4,363.00
Balance Dec. 31, 1946		19,573.00
	$ 23,936.00	$ 23,936.00

Cemetery Reserve Fund:

Balance Jan. 1, 1946		$ 8,339.02
Cash Receipts, Sale Lots and Graves		2,580.00
Transferred to Cemetery Maintenance	$ 1,000.00	
Balance to 1947	9,919.02	
	$ 10,919.02	$ 10,919.02

DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Balance January 1, 1946	$ 18,223.09	
Charges 1946	89,500.12	
Adjustments	169.10	
Cash		$ 89,332.29
Adjustments		1,843.86
Abatement		30.00
Transfers to Taxes		793.77
Balance December 31, 1946		15,892.39
	$107,892.31	$107,892.31

CLASSIFICATION OF PAYMENTS

General Government:

Selectmen's Expenses, Appropriation		$ 1,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		50.00
		$ 1,050.00
Telephone	$ 128.27	
Printing and Stationery	170.22	
Postage and Box Rent	41.25	
Towel Supply	18.70	
Selectmen's Assn.	9.00	
Reimbursement for Expenses	500.00	
Hearings	7.50	
Spec. Comm. UNO Site	44.18	
Dog Hearings	11.87	
Physicians Fees for Retirement	50.00	
All Other	50.58	
Total Payments	$ 1,031.57	
Balance to Revenue	18.43	
	$ 1,050.00	
Selectmen's Clerical, Appropriation		$ 1,069.70
Salary, Clerk	$ 1,069.70	
Town Accountant's Salary, Appropriation		$ 1,709.54
Transfer from Reserve Fund		823.99
		$ 2,533.53
Salary Town Accountant	$ 2,533.53	
Treasurer's Salary, Appropriation		$ 1,575.00
Salary, Treasurer	$ 1,575.00	
Treasurer's Expenses, Appropriation		$ 800.00
Postage	$ 331.20	
Stationery and Supplies	133.26	
Maintenance of Machines, etc.	129.25	
Telephone	60.61	
Cutting Stencils for Checks	36.75	
Rent of Adding Machine for auditors	20.00	

Filing Cabinet	58.85	
Miscellaneous	22.50	
Total Payments	$ 792.42	
Balance to Revenue	7.58	
	$ 800.00	
Treasurer's Clerical, Appropriation		$ 480.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		20.00
		$ 500.00
Clerk Hire	$ 500.00	
Collector's Salary, Appropriation		$ 2,650.00
Salary, Collector	$ 2,650.00	
Collector's Expenses, Appropriation		$ 1,100.00
Telephone	$ 47.66	
Stamped Envelopes and Postage	532.07	
Books and Printing	206.07	
Advertising	5.00	
Towel Supply	7.70	
Office Supplies and Equipment	275.38	
Registry of Deeds	6.50	
All Others	19.62	
Total Payments	$ 1,100.00	
Collector's Clerical, Appropriation		$ 1,800.00
Clerk Hire	$ 1,694.80	
Balance to Revenue	105.20	
	$ 1,800.00	
Assessors' Salaries, Apropriation		$ 2,760.00
Salaries, Assessors	$ 2,340.00	
Balance to Revenue	420.00	
	$ 2,760.00	
Assessors' Expenses, Appropriation		$ 3,500.00
Asst. Assessors	$ 150.90	
Telephone	48.30	
Postage	16.00	
Towel Supply	8.40	
Office Supplies and Printing	530.10	
Travel and Auto Hire	117.18	
Registry of Deeds	71.60	

Assessors' Meetings and Appellate Board ..	140.05	
New Plans and Corrections	366.25	
New Equipment	753.90	
All Other	13.85	
Total Payments	$ 2,216.53	
Balance to 1947 for Equipment	1,246.10	
Balance to Revenue	37.37	
	$ 3,500.00	
Assessors' Clerical, Appropriation		$ 3,380.00
Salaries, Clerks	$ 3,380.00	
Town Counsel's Salary, Appropriation		$ 1,500.00
Salary, Town Counsel	1,500.00	
Town Counsel's Expenses, Appropriation		$ 550.00
Transfer from the Reserve Fund		75.00
		$ 625.00
Stenographic Services, etc.	$ 432.30	
Telephone, carfares, etc.	64.13	
Stationery and supplies	58.85	
Postage, recording deeds, etc.	47.95	
Decisions and annotated laws	15.00	
Total Payments	$ 618.23	
Balance to Revenue	6.77	
	$ 625.00	
Town Clerk's Salary, Appropriation		$ 1,102.50
Salary, Town Clerk	$ 1,102.50	
Town Clerk's Expenses, Appropriation		$ 500.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		500.00
..		$ 1,000.00
Clerk Hire	$ 626.65	
Postage	9.00	
Membership dues	4.00	
Printing, etc.	244.10	
Equipment	87.00	
Total Payments	$ 970.75	
Balance to Revenue	29.25	
	$1,000.00	

Board of Registrars' Salaries, Appropriation ..		$ 347.29
Salaries, Board of Registrars	$ 347.29	
Board of Registrars' Expenses, Appropriation ..		$ 1,000.00
Transfer from Veterans' Benefits Account		250.00
		$ 1,250.00
Pay Roll	$ 686.61	
Auto Hire	3.00	
Stationery and Printing	212.95	
Telephone	34.34	
Total Payments	$ 936.90	
Balance to 1947	250.00	
Balance to Revenue	63.10	
	$ 1,250.00	
Election & Registration Expenses, Appropriation		$ 2,000.00
Refund		10.80
Transfer from Reserve Fund		700.00
		$ 2,710.80
Election Officers	$ 1,447.10	
Installing Booths	302.02	
Rent of Hall	305.00	
Voting Lists, Ballots, etc.	573.00	
Stationery	18.01	
Lunches	44.51	
All Other	10.34	
Total Payments	$ 2,699.98	
Balance to Revenue	10.82	
	$ 2,710.80	
Planning Board Expenses, Appropriation		$ 100.00
Association Dues	$ 15.00	
Blue Printing	60.00	
Supplies	16.02	
Total Payments	$ 91.02	
Balance to Revenue	8.98	
	$ 100.00	

Miscellaneous Expense, Appropriation		$ 4,200.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		1,050.00
		$ 5,250.00
Clerical	$ 1,320.77	
Printing Town Report	1,269.85	
Printing, Stationery and Supplies	278.02	
Care and Lighting Old South Clock	148.09	
Finance Committee Expense	201.40	
Board of Appeal Expense	68.50	
Inspector of Wires Expense	98.25	
Dog Officers Expense	255.96	
Office Equipment	165.88	
Traffic Control	633.50	
War Memorial	7.53	
Mun. Finance Officers Assn.	20.00	
Repairs to Veterans Banner	31.50	
Damage Claims	300.00	
All Others	50.75	
Total Payments	$ 4,850.00	
Balance to 1947	400.00	
	$ 5,250.00	
Municipal Building, Maintenance, Appropriation		$ 3,600.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		1,550.00
		$ 5,150.00
Janitor's Services	$ 1,580.00	
Janitor's Supplies	197.70	
Fuel	461.88	
Lighting	363.15	
Water and Sewer	32.11	
Ash Removal	13.20	
Repairs to Building and Grounds	2,191.60	
Flags, etc.	26.23	
Equipment	265.59	
All Other	11.52	
Total Payments	$ 5,142.98	
Balance to Revenue	7.02	
	$ 5,150.00	

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Dept. Salaries, Appropriation		$ 44,350.00
Salary, Chief	$ 2,993.29	
Salary, Sergeants	6,031.94	
Salaries, Patrolmen	31,942.40	
Salaries, Specials	560.00	
Keeper of the Lock-Up	100.00	
Clerk	1,695.40	
Total Payments	$ 43,323.03	
Balance to Revenue	1,026.97	
	$ 44,350.00	
Police Dept. Pensions, Appropriation		$ 3,255.75
Pension Payments	$ 3,255.08	
Balance to Revenue	.67	
	$ 3,255.75	
Police Department Maintenance, Appropriation		$ 5,300.00
Transfer from Veterans' Benefits Account		600.00
		$ 5,900.00
Chief's Expenses	$ 35.30	
Telephone Expense	137.67	
Gasoline	1,008.36	
Traffic Lights	918.47	
Traffic Lanes	767.81	
Radio Repairs	353.98	
Printing and Stationery	187.19	
Coats and Caps	66.80	
Auto Repairs	783.32	
New Tires	145.70	
Target Practice	51.20	
Teletype Expense	478.28	
Station Signals	34.60	
New Car	582.79	
All Other	336.89	
Total Payments	$ 5,888.36	
Balance to Revenue	11.64	
	$ 5,900.00	

Police Station Maintenance, Appropriation		$ 1,700.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		100.00
		$ 1,800.00
Water and Sewer	$ 46.80	
Gas and Electricity	243.19	
Fuel	420.00	
Repairs	154.77	
Janitor's Supplies	112.71	
Janitor's Salary	771.54	
Laundry	38.04	
Total Payments	$ 1,787.05	
Balance to Revenue	12.95	
	$ 1,800.00	
Police Ambulance, Approp. (Bal. from 1945) ..		$ 4,400.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund 1946		745.50
		$ 5,145.50
Balance to 1947	$ 5,145.50	
Fire Dept. Salaries, Appropriation		$ 31,450.00
Salary, Chief	$ 3,150.00	
Salary, Deputy Chief	2,900.00	
Salary, Captain	2,750.00	
Salary, Lieutenant	2,650.00	
Salaries, Privates	19,259.87	
Pension Payments	98.06	
Total Payments	$ 30,807.93	
Balance to Revenue	642.07	
	$ 31,450.00	
Fire Dept. Callmen Salaries, Appropriation		$ 3,500.00
Salaries, Call Firemen	3,431.22	
Balance to Revenue	68.78	
	$ 3,500.00	
O. O. Ordway Pension, Appropriation		$ 1,300.00
Pension Payments	$ 1,300.00	
Fire Department Maintenance, Appropriation ..		$ 2,800.00
Transfer from Insurance Account		700.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		100.00
		$ 3,600.00

Chief's Expenses	$ 37.30	
Telephone	247.92	
Laundry	330.02	
Bedding, etc.	64.12	
Motor Apparatus Maintenance	995.69	
Gasoline and Oil	419.38	
Repairs Other Equipment	112.02	
New Hose	135.00	
New Appliances	159.28	
Equipment and Supplies	348.83	
Office Expense	70.17	
Helmets, Coats, etc.	225.73	
Forest Fires	252.34	
All Others	194.91	
Total Payments	$ 3,592.71	
Balance to Revenue	7.29	
	$ 3,600.00	
Fire Stations Maintenance, Appropriation		$ 2,730.00
Central Station		
Gas	$ 52.26	
Fuel	377.26	
Building Repairs	1,116.28	
Lighting	102.57	
Water and Sewer	65.54	
Supplies	71.39	
Furnishings	335.45	
Total Payments Central Station	$ 2,120.75	
Engine 2 Station		
Fuel	$ 318.90	
Building Repairs	31.87	
Lighting	74.99	
Water and Sewer	12.00	
Furnishings	28.00	
Supplies	17.73	
Steward	125.00	
Total Payments Engine 2 Station	$ 608.49	
Total Payments	$ 2,729.24	
Balance to Revenue	.76	
	$ 2,730.00	

Fire Alarm Maintenance, Appropriation		$ 2,000.00
Salary, Superintendent	$ 262.50	
Pay Rolls	1,206.50	
Truck Maintenance	89.67	
Power	42.31	
Supplies, Material, Equipment	373.72	
Radio Maintenance	18.70	
All Other	5.50	
Total Payments	$ 1,998.90	
Balance to Revenue	1.10	
	$2,000.00	
Fire Alarm Extension, Appropriation		$ 600.00
Pay Rolls	$ 36.80	
Material and Supplies	242.68	
Total Payments	$ 279.48	
Balance to Revenue	320.52	
	$ 600.00	
Moth and Tree Dept. Appropriation		$ 12,399.00
Transfer from Veterans' Benefits Account		1,000.00
		$ 13,399.00
Salary, Tree Warden	$ 420.00	
Salary, Moth Supt.	2,379.52	
Pay Roll	6,553.53	
Telephone	58.75	
Barn Rent	132.00	
Truck and Sprayer Expense	702.11	
Printing and Postage	78.20	
Trees	126.90	
Arsenate of Lead	1,118.66	
Clerical Assistance	62.25	
New Truck	1,592.40	
Other Supplies, etc.	169.65	
Total Payments	$ 13,393.97	
Balance to Revenue	5.03	
	$ 13,399.00	

Hydrant Rentals, Appropriation		$ 500.00
Water Department	$ 500.00	
Drinking Fountains, Appropriation		$ 100.00
Water Department	$ 100.00	
Inspector of Buildings Salary, Appropriation		$ 551.25
Salary, Inspector	$ 551.25	
Inspector of Wires Salary, Appropriation		$ 210.00
Salary, Inspector	$ 210.00	
Sealer of Weights & Measures Salary, Approp.		$ 551.25
Salary, Sealer	$ 551.25	
Sealer of Weights and Measures Expenses, Appropriation		$ 250.00
Transportation Weights and Measures	$ 179.00	
Supplies	58.63	
	$ 237.63	
Balance to Revenue	12.37	
	$ 250.00	
Board of Health Salaries, Appropriation		$ 315.00
Salaries, Secretary	$ 155.00	
Salaries, Other Members	160.00	
Total Payments	$ 315.00	
Board of Health Expenses, Appropriation		$ 275.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		25.00
		$ 300.00
Express	$ 26.40	
Disposition of Animals	69.50	
Milk and Food	31.00	
Supplies	76.55	
Telephone	43.40	
Postage	16.24	
All Other	27.10	
Total Payments	$ 290.19	
Balance to Revenue	9.81	
	$ 300.00	
Inspector of Plumbing Salary, Appropriation		$ 525.00
Salary, Inspector	$ 391.62	
Balance to Revenue	133.38	
	$ 525.00	

Care of Contagious Diseases, Appropriation ...		$ 5,000.00
Refund		4.00
		$ 5,004.00
Mass. Memorial Hospital	$ 1,639.08	
Middlesex County Sanatorium	1,438.50	
Lakeville State Sanatorium	835.00	
Rabies Innoculation	169.50	
Medical Care	488.00	
Agent's Salary	240.00	
City of Boston	52.30	
All Other	139.65	
Total Payments	$ 5,002.03	
Balance to Revenue	1.97	
	$ 5,004.00	
Garbage Collection, Appropriation		$ 3,600.00
Contract Payments	$ 3,600.00	
Dog Officer's Salary, Appropriation		$ 330.75
Salary, Dog Officer	$ 330.75	
Inspector of Milk & Food Salary, Appropriation		$ 220.50
Salary, Inspector	$ 220.50	
Dental Clinic, Appropriation		$ 1,100.00
Expenses	$ 1,100.00	
Inspector of Animals, Salary, Appropriation		$ 220.50
Salary, Inspector	$ 220.50	
Game Warden's Salary, Appropriation		$ 105.00
Salary, Game Warden	$ 105.00	
Child Welfare Work, Appropriation		$ 400.00
Expenses	$ 400.00	
Street Lighting, Appropriation		$ 15,000.00
Municipal Light Dept.	$ 15,000.00	
Charities and Aid:		
General Aid, Administrative		
Appropriation		$ 5,100.00
Payments:		
Personal Services		
Supervisory and Clerical	$ 1,688.58	
Visiting and Investigation	1,430.69	
Emp. Research, Janitor and truck service ..	780.00	
Visitors and Supervisory expense and travel ..	154.91	
Office Supplies and equipment	85.59	
Telephone	73.07	

Printing and Postage		14.25	
Building Maintenance		288.91	
Transportation of recipients		13.22	
Truck Maintenance		77.08	
Gasoline and oil		50.59	
Other		4.60	
Total Payments		$ 4,661.49	
Balance to Revenue		438.51	
		$ 5,100.00	$ 5,100.00

General Aid:

Appropriation			$ 17,500.00
Refunds and Credits			174.40
Payments			
Cash Aid		$ 5,480.00	
Food		81.07	
Shelter		62.30	
Fuel and Light		18.99	
Clothing		19.72	
Board		1,823.18	
Massachusetts Hospital School		315.40	
Tewksbury State Hospital and Infirmary		1,953.00	
Medical:			
Doctors	$ 379.65		
Hospitals	462.20		
Medicine	131.32		
Optical	14.00		
Nursing	17.25		
Ambulance	5.00		
X-ray	8.00		
Arch plates and truss	19.00	1,036.42	
Unallocated payments		123.96	
Payments to other cities and towns		937.74	
Total Payments		$ 11,851.78	
Transferred to:			
Aid to Dependent Children		1,500.00	
Civilian Defense		500.00	
Veterans' Welcome Committee		2,500.00	
Balance to Revenue		1,322.62	
		$ 17,674.40	$ 17,674.40

Aid to Dependent Children Administrative

Appropriation			$ 1,000.00
Federal Grants			813.63
Payments			
Personal Services:			
Supervisory and clerical		$ 718.17	
Visiting and Investigation		595.76	
Visiting and Supervisory expense and travel		171.22	
Office Supplies and equipment		71.29	
Telephone		32.73	
Printing and postage		5.25	
Building Maintenance		83.52	
Other		2.00	
Total Payments		$ 1,679.94	
Balance to Revenue		133.69	
		$ 1,813.63	$ 1,813.63

Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriation			$ 13,000.00
Federal Grants			2,878.40
Refunds and Credits			40.60
Transfer from General Aid Account			1,500.00
Payments			
Regular Cash Assistance		$ 15,560.72	
Special Cash Allowances			
Medical			
Doctors	$ 353.00		
Hospitals	90.00		
Medicine	143.79		
Dental	100.00		
Optical	27.50		
Elastic legging	8.00	722.29	
Board		50.30	
Total Payments		$ 16,333.31	
Balance to Revenue		1,085.69	
		$ 17,419.00	$ 17,419.00

Old Age Assistance Administrative

Appropriation			$ 6,650.00
Federal Grants			1,743.75
Payments			
Personal Services			
Supervisory and Clerical	$ 2,804.50		
Visiting and Investigation	3,385.10		
Employment Research & Truck	780.00	$ 6,969.60	
Office Supplies and Equipment		86.72	
Travel Expense		128.26	
Stationery and Printing		42.75	
Postage		75.00	
Telephone		123.36	
Office Building Maintenance		443.03	
Other		93.28	
Total Payments		$ 7,962.00	
Balance to Revenue		431.75	
		$ 8,393.75	$ 8,393.75

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation			$ 88,750.00
Federal Grants			50,960.97
Recoveries			1,351.66
Refunds and Credits			181.47
Payments			
Regular Cash Assistance		$129,115.91	
Special Cash Allowances:			
Medical:			
Doctors	$ 2,665.10		
Hospitals	642.25		
Police Ambulance	27.00		
Medicine	1,361.94		
Nursing	544.06		
Optical	192.25		
Dental	108.50		
Chiropodist	18.00	5,559.10	
Other		28.40	
Payments to Other Cities and Towns		1,241.50	

Payments on account of deceased persons:			
Burial Expense	$ 618.00		
Doctors	310.00		
Hospitals	297.00		
Nursing	118.55		
Medicine	106.75		
Police Ambulance	32.00	1,482.30	
Total Payments		$137,427.21	
Balance to Revenue		3,816.89	
		$141,244.10	$141,244.10
Veterans Benefits, Appropriation			$ 14,000.00
Refunds			104.00
			$ 14,104.00
Cash Payments		$ 5,127.50	
Food		40.00	
Fuel		219.70	
Rent—Board		567.00	
Hospital, Medicine, etc.		846.19	
Office Supplies		333.55	
Telephone		53.94	
Agent's Salary, Expenses		937.48	
Clerk		819.00	
Miscellaneous		155.00	
Total Payments		$ 9,099.36	
Transfer to Moth Dept.		1,000.00	
Transfer to Police Dept. Maintenance		600.00	
Transfer to Registrars' Exp.		250.00	
Transfer to Highway Dept.		1,500.00	
Total Payments		$ 12,449.36	
Balance to Revenue		1,654.64	
		$ 14,104.00	
Education			
School Dept. General Salaries, Appropriation			$286,511.65
Refund			3.96
			$286,515.61

Supt., Principals, Teachers	$234,273.87	
Substitutes	1,575.00	
Attendance Officer	500.00	
School Nurse	2,380.50	
Medical Inspection	1,100.00	
Janitors	25,715.25	
Clerical	12,562.48	
Total Payments	$278,107.10	
Balance to Revenue	8,408.51	
	$286,515.61	
School Dept. General Maint., Appropriation		$ 48,781.00
Textbooks, Library, Supplementary Books	$ 3,044.35	
Supplies	8,408.23	
General Control Expense	2,832.95	
Supervision Expense	435.63	
Principal's Office Expense	443.45	
Commencement	246.51	
Other Expenses of Instruction	1,056.41	
Compulsory Attendance	200.00	
Medical Service	30.04	
Nurse Service	512.23	
Fuel	6,982.29	
Other Expenses of Operation of Plant	9,019.46	
Maintenance	11,534.47	
Capital Outlay	3,838.39	
Auxiliary Agency, Tuition	176.00	
Total Payments	$ 48,760.41	
Balance to Revenue	20.59	
	$ 48,781.00	
School Transportation, Appropriation		$ 11,200.00
Expended	$ 10,605.77	
Balance to Revenue	594.23	
	$ 11,200.00	
School Cafeterias, Appropriation		$ 32,000.00
WFA Reimbursement		4,598.41
		$ 36,598.41

Pay Roll	$ 6,649.28	
Supplies	26,101.46	
Total Payments	$ 32,750.74	
Balance to Revenue	3,411.38	
Balance to 1947	436.29	
	$ 36,598.41	
Industrial Tuition, Appropriation		$ 2,000.00
City of Malden	331.70	
City of Somerville	122.96	
City of Medford	392.83	
Essex County Agric. School	404.00	
Norfolk County Agric. School	212.00	
City of Boston	90.22	
City of Cambridge	.50	
Total Payments	$ 1,554.21	
Balance to Revenue	445.79	
	$ 2,000.00	
New Cafeteria Construction, Appropriation		$ 4,000.00
Expended	$ 3,997.96	
Balance to Revenue	2.04	
	$ 4,000.00	
School Dept. Retirement for Teachers in Service, Appropriation		$ 700.00
Mass. Teachers Retirement Board	$ 700.00	
School Dept. Unpaid Industrial Tuition Bill 1945, Appropriation		$ 82.89
Payments	82.89	
School Dept. New High School Plans		
Balance from 1945	$	112.98
Payments	53.15	
Balance to 1947	59.83	
	$ 112.98	

School Dept. Elementary School Plans		
Balance from 1945		$ 4,076.38
Payments	$ 3,800.00	
Balance to 1947	276.38	
	$ 4,076.38	
School Dept. Federal Works Agency School Plans, Receipts		$ 6,900.00
Plans	600.00	
Balance to 1947	6,300.00	
	$ 6,900.00	
School Land Purchase, Oak Street		
Balance from 1945		$ 7,093.00
Land	$ 2,500.00	
Registry of Deeds	3.50	
Balance to 1947	$ 4,589.50	
	$ 7,093.00	
School Dept. Safety Equipment		
Transfer from Overlay Reserve Fund		$ 12,515.00
Balance to 1947	$ 12,515.00	
Public Library Salaries, Appropriation		$ 6,700.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		75.00
		$ 6,775.00
Salaries		
Librarian	$ 1,916.46	
Asst. Librarian	1,446.78	
Asst. Librarian	1,446.78	
Assistants	1,048.54	
Janitor	903.00	
Total Payments	$ 6,761.56	
Balance to Revenue	13.44	
	$ 6,775.00	
Public Library Maintenance Appropriation		$ 3,300.00
Transfer from the Reserve Fund		110.00
		$ 3,410.00
Telephone	$ 51.24	
Fuel, Light, Water and Sewer	611.06	

Printing and Supplies	320.89	
Books and Periodicals	1,964.94	
Binding	213.79	
Maintenance and Repairs	213.24	
Miscellaneous	19.45	
Total Payments	$ 3,394.61	
Balance to Revenue	15.39	
	$ 3,410.00	
Cemeteries, Appropriation		$ 13,200.00
Transfer from Cemetery Reserve Fund		1,000.00
Transfer from Cemetery Bequest Fund		3,342.72
Transfer from Care of Soldiers' Graves		235.80
		$ 17,778.52
Superintendents' Salaries	$ 3,240.50	
Clerical	1,027.00	
Pay Rolls	10,407.85	
Materials and Supplies	3,099.10	
Total Payments	$ 17,774.45	
Balance to Revenue	4.07	
	$ 17,778.52	
Care of Soldiers' Graves, Appropriation		$ 800.00
Pay Roll	$ 564.20	
Material	235.80	
	$ 800.00	

Department of Public Works

Administrative Office Appropriation		$ 6,300.00
Refund		26.00
		$ 6,326.00
Superintendent's Salary	$ 3,722.40	
Clerical	1,760.85	
Telephones	257.73	
Office Supplies	466.53	

Engineering Supplies	39.15	
Miscellaneous	73.10	
Total Payments	$ 6,319.76	
Balance to Revenue	6.24	
	$ 6,326.00	
Highway Department Appropriation		$ 47,000.00
Transfer from Chap. 90 Maintenance		702.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		300.00
Transfer from Veterans' Benefits		1,500.00
		$ 49,502.00
Pay Roll	$ 24,450.13	
Road Material	10,247.78	
Supplies and Tools	2,015.35	
Road Machinery Account	7,503.78	
All Other	4,276.95	
Total Payments	$ 48,493.99	
Transfer to Chap. 90 Maintenance	1,000.00	
Balance to Revenue	8.01	
	$ 49,502.00	
Wescroft Road Betterment		
Balance from 1945		$ 1,850.90
Appropriation 1946		500.00
		$ 2,350.90
Balance to 1947	$ 2,350.90	
Springvale Road Betterment		
Balance from 1945		$ 162.24
Appropriation 1946		250.00
		$ 412.24
Balance to 1947	$ 412.24	
West Hill Circle Betterment		
Balance from 1945		$ 834.06
Appropriation 1946		250.00
		$ 1,084.06
Balance to 1947	$ 1,084.06	

Cape Cod Avenue Betterment Appropriation ..		$ 1,961.00
Pay Roll	$ 812.63	
Materials	1,147.77	
	$ 1,960.40	
Balance to Revenue	.60	
	$ 1,961.00	
Wood End Lane Betterment Appropriation		$ 1,511.00
Pay Roll	$ 516.19	
Materials	982.63	
Total Payments	$ 1,498.82	
Balance to Revenue	12.18	
	$ 1,511.00	
Chap. 90 Construction Lowell St. Appropriation		$ 4,500.00
Transfer from E & D Account		13,500.00
		$ 18,000.00
Pay Rolls	$ 3,588.16	
Materials	5,406.53	
Total Payments	$ 8,994.69	
Transfer to E & D Account	6,000.00	
Balance to 1947	3,005.31	
	$ 18,000.00	
Chap. 90 Construction Main Street Approp.		$ 2,500.00
Transfer from Excess and Deficiency Acct.		7,500.00
		$ 10,000.00
Pay Rolls	$ 5,987.05	
Materials	596.71	
Total Payments	$ 6,583.76	
Balance to Revenue	3,416.24	
	$ 10,000.00	

Chap. 90 Construction Charles Street, Approp.		$ 4,500.00
Balance to 1947	$ 4,500.00	
Chap. 90 Maintenance		
Transfer from Highway Maint. Acct.		$ 500.00
Transfer from E & D Account		1,000.00
		$ 1,500.00
Pay Rolls	$ 357.32	
Materials	1,142.68	
	$ 1,500.00	
Sidewalk Construction and Maintenance Appro.		$ 8,000.00
Pay Roll	$ 5,833.54	
Material, etc.	2,158.26	
Total Payments	$ 7,991.80	
Balance to Revenue	8.20	
....	$ 8,000.00	
Snow and Ice Removal Appropriation		$ 20,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		2,500.00
		$ 22,500.00
Pay Roll	$ 11,968.62	
Plowing and Hauling	2,358.59	
Repairs and Supplies	4,711.17	
Road Machinery Account	2,978.97	
Total Payments	$ 22,017.35	
Balance to Revenue	482.65	
	$ 22,500.00	
Maintenance of Storm Drains Appropriation ..		$ 4,500.00
Pay Roll	$ 2,131.66	
Supplies and Miscellaneous	2,368.34	
Total Payments	$ 4,500.00	
Drainage Construction Appropriation		$ 8,000.00
Pay Roll	$ 4,488.82	
Pipe and Supplies	2,961.09	

Road Machinery Account	545.26	
Total Payments	$ 7,995.17	
Balance to Revenue	4.83	
	$ 8,000.00	
Park Department Appropriation		$ 6,200.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		300.00
		$ 6,500.00
Memorial Park	$ 973.41	
Leach Park	100.81	
Skating Rinks	158.22	
Commons	391.78	
Washington St.	1,830.06	
Birch Meadow	1,502.34	
Miscellaneous	370.68	
Road Machinery Account	1,171.06	
Total Payments	$ 6,498.36	
Balance to Revenue	1.64	
	$ 6,500.00	
John Street Dump Appropriation		$ 1,900.00
Pay Roll	$ 1,713.25	
Supplies	184.65	
Total Payments	$ 1,897.90	
Balance to Revenue	2.10	
	$ 1,900.00	
Sewer Dept. Maintenance and Constr. Approp.		**$ 15,000.00**
Pay Roll	$ 6,157.78	
Interest on Bonds	590.00	
Insurance	821.94	
Tools and Supplies	6,095.96	
Road Machinery Account	1,300.50	
Total Payments	$ 14,966.18	
Balance to Revenue	33.82	
	$ 15,000.00	

Sewer Dept. House Connections Appropriation		$ 4,000.00
Pay Roll	$ 3,027.56	
Pipe and Miscellaneous	935.94	
Total Payments	$ 3,963.50	
Balance to Revenue	36.50	
	$ 4,000.00	
Water Dept. Maintenance and Constr. Appro.		$ 55,000.00
Transfer from Water Available Surplus		16,000.00
		$ 71,000.00
Pay Roll	$ 28,997.60	
Bonds	4,000.00	
Interest on Bonds	50.00	
Insurance	1,546.00	
Telephones	203.70	
Light and Power	5,606.87	
Repairs	689.04	
Supplies, Tools and Fittings	15,830.44	
Road Machinery Account	2,440.33	
All Other	5,889.90	
Total Payments	$ 65,253.88	
Balance to Water Reserve	5,746.12	
	$ 71,000.00	
Road Machinery Account		
Balance from 1945		$ 16,074.28
Receipts Gas Tax Refunds		194.43
Other Receipts		20,493.93
		$ 36,762.64
Transfer to Road Machinery Fund	$ 16,300.00	
Balance to 1947	20,462.64	
	$ 36,762.64	
Road Machinery Account		
Balance from 1945		$ 262.51
Transfer from Road Machinery Account		16,300.00
		$ 16,562.51

Payments	$ 15,281.02	
Balance to 1947	1,281.49	
	$ 16,562.51	
Post War Plans, Board of Public Works		
Balance from 1945		$ 2,264.76
Payments	$ 932.14	
Balance to 1947	1,332.62	
	$ 2,264.76	
Water Department Garage		
Transfer from Water Reserve		$ 25,000.00
Payments	$ 269.60	
Balance to 1947	24,730.40	
	$ 25,000.00	
Recreation Committee Appropriation		$ 4,500.00
Pay Roll	$ 3,754.75	
Payments	734.45	
Total Payments	$ 4,489.20	
Balance to Revenue	10.80	
	$ 4,500.00	

Municipal Light Department

Balance from 1945		$150,322.05
Sales, Light and Power		484,027.95
Merchandise and Jobbing		113,248.40
Street Lighting Appropriation		15,000.00
Miscellaneous		1,186.76
		$763,785.16
Payments		
Pay Roll		
Construction	$ 7,834.61	
Operation	129,210.11	
Bills		
Construction	21,581.33	
Operation	181,777.29	
Bonds	16,000.00	
Interest	1,192.50	

Energy Purchased	211,292.28	
Paid to Town	50,000.00	
Total Payments	$618,888.12	
Balance to 1947	144,897.04	
	$763,785.16	
Municipal Light Dept. Underground Installation		
Balance from 1945		$ 1,431.59
Balance to 1947	$ 1,431.59	
Municipal Light Dept. Special Account		
Balance from 1945		$ 2,000.00
Payments	$ 2,000.00	
Interest, not incl. Water, Light, Sewer		
Appropriation		$ 2,000.00
Municipal Relief Loan	$ 120.00	
Fire Equipment Loan	7.50	
Municipal Garage	67.50	
Drainage, Quannapowitt	225.00	
Elementary School	1,190.00	
Post War Rehabilitation	50.48	
Total Payments	$ 1,660.48	
Balance to Revenue	339.52	
	$ 2,000.00	
Maturing Dept., not incl. Water and Light		
Appropriation		$ 22,500.00
Fire Equipment	$ 1,500.00	
Sewer	6,000.00	
Municipal Garage	2,000.00	
Quannapowitt Drainage	5,000.00	
Municipal Relief	2,000.00	
Elementary School	6,000.00	
Total Payments	$ 22,500.00	
Insurance Account, Appropriation		$ 15,387.73
Receipts		
Mun. Light Dept.		2,024.41
Water Dept.		1,546.00
Sewer Dept.		821.94
Refunds		104.30
		$ 19,884.38

Payments

Fire Schedule	$ 5,511.10	
Workmen's Compensation	4,917.36	
Public Liability	442.06	
Burglary	62.12	
Burglary and Robbery All Risk	332.91	
Securities, Safe Deposit Box	710.16	
Auto Pub. Liab. and P.D.	3,568.66	
Auto Fire and Theft	312.36	
Bonds	702.25	
Boiler	1,353.56	
Machine Breakage	584.64	
Miscellaneous	289.76	
Total Payments	$ 18,786.94	
Transferred	1,000.00	
Balance to Revenue	97.44	
	$ 19,884.38	

Dog Pound

Balance from 1945		$ 36.73
Payments	$ 20.25	
Balance to 1947	16.48	
	$ 36.73	
Rent American Legion Quarters, Appropriation		$ 1,000.00
Reading Veterans' Assn.	$ 1,000.00	
Rent Veterans' of Foreign Wars, Appropriation		$ 500.00
Reading Post 685, V.F.W.	$ 500.00	
Memorial Day Observance Appropriation		$ 1,000.00
Band	$ 165.00	
Flags	44.87	
Flowers	674.00	
Printing	17.50	
Amplifiers	35.00	
Trucking	6.00	
All Other	5.60	
Total Payments	$ 947.97	
Balance to Revenue	52.03	
	$ 1,000.00	

Contributory Retirement Fund Appropriation ..		$ 23,040.00
Transfer to Retirement System	$ 23,040.00	
Servicemen's Retirement, Chap. 419, Acts 1943 ..		$ 371.71
Transfer to Retirement System	$ 371.71	
Land Court Expenses, Appropriation		$ 200.00
Land Court	$ 99.53	
Balance to Revenue	$ 100.47	
	$ 200.00	
Publication Street List, Appropriation		$ 600.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		150.00
		$ 750.00
Pay Roll	$ 91.01	
Planographing	640.40	
Express	2.50	
Total Payments	$ 733.91	
Balance to Revenue	16.09	
	$ 750.00	

Post War Planning Committee

Balance from 1945		$ 500.00
Payments ..... $	5.00	
Balance to 1947	495.00	
	$ 500.00	

Capital Expenditures Planning Committee

Balance from 1945		$ 372.42
Appropriation 1946		500.00
		$ 872.42
Clerical	7.50	
Advisory Services	361.45	
Total Payments	$ 368.95	
Balance to 1947	503.47	
	$ 872.42	
Flag Pole on Common, Appropriation		$ 120.00
Transfer from Insurance Acct. Special		1,280.00
		$ 1,400.00

Payments		
Pay Roll	$ 8.55	
Flag Pole	1,350.00	
Total Payments	$ 1,358.55	
Balance to Revenue	41.45	
	$ 1,400.00	
Land Purchase Parking Area Appropriation		$ 13,000.00
Receipts		500.00
		$ 13,500.00
Engineering Services	$ 135.50	
Registry of Deeds	30.25	
Land Purchase	5,000.00	
Contract on Account	2,487.50	
Advertising	3.50	
Title Examinations	250.00	
Blue Prints	7.23	
Total Payments	$ 7,913.98	
Balance to 1947	$ 5,586.02	
	$ 13,500.00	
Aid to Agriculture Appropriation		$ 100.00
Payments	$ 18.48	
Balance to Revenue	81.52	
	$ 100.00	
Reserve Fund, Appropriation		$ 10,000.00
Transfers		
Publication Street List	$ 150.00	
Town Clerk's Expense	500.00	
Library Maintenance	110.00	
Municipal Building Maintenance	1,550.00	
Town Accountant's Salary	823.99	
Miscellaneous Expense	1,050.00	
Highway Dept.	300.00	
Public Library Salaries	75.00	
Snow and Ice Account	2,500.00	
Election and Registration Expense	700.00	
Fire Dept. Maintenance	100.00	
Town Counsel's Expense	75.00	

Selectmen's Expense	50.00	
Police Station Maintenance	100.00	
Board of Health Expense	25.00	
Treasurer's Clerical	20.00	
Police Ambulance	745.50	
	$ 8,874.49	
Balance to Revenue	1,125.51	
	$ 10,000.00	
Town Forest Appropriation		$ 1,700.00
Pay Roll	$ 1,560.00	
Balance to Revenue	140.00	
	$ 1,700.00	

Welcome Home Celebration

Transfer from Welfare General Aid Account		$ 2,500.00
Transfer from Salvage Account		1,750.00
		$ 4,250.00
Bronze Plaque	$ 235.59	
Scrolls	999.84	
Orchestra and Entertainment	425.00	
Security Hall	45.00	
Luncheon	650.00	
Patrolmen	52.00	
Bands	465.00	
Decorations	250.00	
Admission Tax—Ball game	38.70	
Clerical	25.50	
Amplifiers	105.00	
Supplies and Printing	88.50	
Total Payments	$ 3,380.13	
Balance to Revenue	869.87	
	$ 4,250.00	

Excess and Deficiency Account

Balance from 1945		$166,818.52
Receipts Redemption of Property		1,285.50
Sale of Land		1,025.00
Additional Poll Tax Commitments		4.00
Adjustments		2.20
Transfer from Premium and Interest Acct.		820.08
Transfer of Receipts in excess of Estimate		34,446.01
Transfer of Unexpended Appropriation Balances		30,531.24
Additional Taxes		206.00
		$235,138.55
Transfer to Chap. 90 Maint.	$ 1,000.00	
Transfer to Chap. 90 Lowell St.	7,500.00	
Transfer to Chap. 90 Main St.	7,500.00	
Transfer from Tax Titles	210.23	
Balance to 1947	218,928.32	
	$235,138.55	

Outstanding Debt Balancing Account

Outstanding January 1, 1946		$197,500.00
Loans paid in 1946:		
Fire Equipment	$ 1,500.00	
Sewer Dept.	6,000.00	
Water Dept.	4,000.00	
Light Dept.	16,000.00	
Municipal Garage	2,000.00	
Drainage	5,000.00	
Municipal Relief	2,000.00	
Elementary School	6,000.00	
Storm Emergency	2,000.00	
	$ 44,500.00	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1946	153,000.00	
	$197,500.00	

TOWN DEBT DETAIL OF MATURITIES

Year	Municipal Light	Elementary School	Quannapowitt Drainage	Sewer	Municipal Relief '39	Storm Emergency	Municipal Garage	Totals
1947	$ 14,000	$ 6,000	$ 4,000	$ 6,000	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	$ 36,000
1948	8,000	6,000	4,000	2,000	2,000	2,000		24,000
1949	5,000	5,000	4,000	2,000	2,000	2,000		20,000
1950	4,000	5,000	4,000					13,000
1951	4,000	5,000	4,000					13,000
1952	2,000	5,000						7,000
1953	2,000	5,000						7,000
1954	2,000	5,000						7,000
1955	2,000	5,000						7,000
1956	1,000	5,000						6,000
1957	1,000	5,000						6,000
1958	1,000	5,000						6,000
1959	1,000							1,000
	$ 47,000	$ 62,000	$ 20,000	$ 10,000	$ 6,000	$ 6,000	$ 2,000	$ 153,000

TRUST FUNDS, CASH AND SECURITIES

Balance Jan. 1, 1946	$496,512.07	
Anne S. Grouard Hosp. Fund Income	1,952.22	
Gilman L. Parker Hosp. Fund Income	4,295.42	
Cemetery Bequest Fund—Bequest	5,720.00	
Cemetery Bequest Fund—Income	2,381.17	
Post War Rehabilitation Fund—Income	546.88	
R. H. S. Scholarship Fund—Income	101.59	
Public Library Fund Income	20.99	
Public Library Fund (H. G. Wadlin) Inc.	37.54	
Public Library Fund, D. N. Tuttle, Jr.—Bequest	500.00	
Public Library Fund, D. N. Tuttle, Jr.—Income	2.50	
Gilman L. Parker Hospital Fund:		
Hospital Care		$ 244.00
Administrative		100.00
Cemetery Bequest Fund — Care endowed lots and graves		3,342.72
Reading High School Scholarship Fund:		
Scholarships		100.00
Balance Dec. 31, 1946		$508,283.66
	$512,070.38	$512,070.38

Hospital Fund (Gilman L. Parker)

Balance Jan. 1, 1946		$180,909.87
Receipts Income		4,295.42
Payments for Hospital Care and Adm.	$ 344.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1946	$184,861.29	
	$185,205.29	$185,205.29

Hospital Fund (Anne S. Grouard)

Balance Jan. 1, 1946		$ 75,633.01
Income 1946		1,952.22
Balance Dec. 31, 1946	$ 77,585.23	
	$ 77,585.23	$ 77,585.23

Cemetery Bequest Fund

Balance Jan. 1, 1946		$106,402.12
Receipts Income		2,381.17
Receipts Bequest		5,720.00
Payments for care of Lots and Graves	$ 3,342.72	
Balance Dec. 31, 1946	111,160.57	
	$114,503.29	$114,503.29

Reading High School Scholarship Fund

Balance Jan. 1, 1946		$ 5,158.10
Receipts Income		101.59
Payments Scholarships	$ 100.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1946	5,159.69	
	$ 5,259.69	$ 5,259.69

Library Fund

Balance Jan. 1, 1946		$ 1,044.79
Receipts Income		20.99
Balance Dec. 31, 1946	$ 1,065.78	
	$ 1,065.78	$ 1,065.78

Library Fund (H. G. Wadlin)

Balance Jan. 1, 1946		$ 1,868.31
Receipts Income		37.54
Balance Dec. 31, 1946	$ 1,905.85	
	$ 1,905.85	$ 1,905.85

Post War Rehabilitation Fund

Balance Jan. 1, 1946		$125,495.87
Income		546.88
Balance Dec. 31, 1946	$126,042.75	
	$126,042.75	$126,042.75

Library Fund (Donald N. Tuttle, Jr.)

Bequest		$ 500.00
Income		2.50
Balance Dec. 31, 1946	$ 502.50	
	$ 502.50	$ 502.50

STATEMENT OF INVESTED FUNDS

Gilman L. Parker Hospital Fund

$ 7,000 U. S. Savings Bonds Series D 1949	$ 5,250.00
4,050 100 shares First Nat'l Bank, Boston, Cert. #155,572	4,050.00
5,000 Penn. Railroad Co. Gen. Mort. 4½ 1965	5,000.00
3,000 U. S. Treas. Bonds, Ser. G. 2½'s, 1954	3,000.00
27,000 U. S. Treas. Bonds, Ser. G. 2½'s, 1955	27,000.00
49,000 U. S. Treas. Bonds, Ser. G. 2½'s, 1956	49,000.00
22,000 U. S. Treas. Bonds, Ser. G. 2½'s, 1957	22,000.00
Home Bleaching and Dye Works, Pfd. 2 shares	11.00

Sharp Mfg. Co., Pfd. 55 Shares	1.00
Sharp Mfg. Co., Com. 20 Shares	1.00
Andover Savings Bank, No. 39860	5,796.93
Charlestown Five Cent Savings Bank, No. 162338	6,058.76
Essex Savings Bank, Lawrence, No. 230778	5,967.64
Mechanics Savings Bank, Reading, No. 9189	4,872.87
Middlesex County National Bank, Reading, Savings Dept., No. 6435	3,091.87
Chelsea Savings Bank, No. 154784	6,459.22
Danvers Savings Bank, No. 2189	1,320.41
Dedham Institute for Savings, No. 72053	3,639.12
Franklin Savings Bank, Boston, No. 187890	2,434.17
Lynn Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 244496	2,406.04
Malden Savings Bank, No. 141347	6,791.71
Melrose Savings Bank, No. 52937	2,458.17
Providence Institute for Savings, Boston, No. 615034	3,577.01
Wakefield Savings Bank, No. 45111	4,856.01
Warren Institute for Savings, Boston, No. 135648	1,966.25
Woburn Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 63401	5,572.78
Cash in General Fund	2,279.33
	$184,861.29

Anne S. Grouard Hospital Fund

33,000 U. S. Treas. Bonds 3's, 1955	$ 36,650.00
38,000 U. S. Treas. Bonds, Series G. 2½'s	38,000.00
Mechanics Savings Bank, Reading, No. 26361	2,935.23
	$ 77,585.23

Cemetery Bequest Fund

17,000 U. S. Treas. Bonds Series G 2½'s 1954	$ 17,000.00
10,000 U. S. Treas. Bonds Series G 2½'s 1955	10,000.00
13,000 U. S. Treas. Bonds Series G 2½'s 1956	13,000.00
9,000 U. S. Treas. Bonds Series G 2½'s 1957	9,000.00
5,000 N. E. Tel. & Tel. 1st Mort. 5's Series A 1952	5,000.00
Blackstone Savings Bank, Boston, No. 10672	1,052.94
Home Savings Banks, Boston, No. 368204	2,578.78
Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 948228	6,190.76
Andover Savings Bank, No. 40177	5,388.73
Cambridge Savings Bank, No. 89112	5,600.98
Essex Savings Bank, Lawrence, No. 230779	5,491.12
Mechanics Savings Bank, Reading, No. 5103	7,313.91

Malden Savings Bank, No. 137262	6,970.65
Woburn Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 61052	6,659.33
Mechanics Savings Bank, No. 10714	9,788.37
Cash in General Fund	125.00
	$111,160.57

Library Fund

Investment:	
Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 987334	$ 1,065.78

Library Fund (Horace G. Wadlin)

Investment:	
Boston Five Cents Saving Bank, No. 1079095	$ 1,905.85

Library Fund (Donald L. Tuttle, Jr.)

Investment:	
Mechanics Savings Bank, Reading, No. 26483	$ 502.50

Reading High School Scholarship Fund

Investments:	
Andover Savings Bank, No. 39861	$ 1,000.00
Charlestown Five Cent Savings Bank, No. 161863	3,000.00
Essex Savings Bank, Lawrence, No. 230306	1,000.00
Middlesex County National Bank, Reading, Savings Dept., No. 5624	159.69
	$ 5,159.69

Post War Rehabilitation Fund

125,000 U. S. Treas. Certificates of Ind. 7/8's	$125,000.00
Cash in General Fund	1,042.75
	$126,042.75

I, hereby certify that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 55, Chapter 41 of the General Laws, I have audited the accounts of the Commissioners of Trust Funds, have examined the securities and verified bank balances and report the foregoing to be true and accurate statement, December 31, 1946.

BOYD H. STEWART,
Town Accountant

TOWN OF READING

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1946

ASSETS

Cash in Banks		$494,384.58
Cash in Offices		540.00
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes 1945, Poll	$ 4.00	
Personal	197.46	
Real Estate	7,194.43	7,395.89
1946, Poll	36.00	
Personal	1,284.39	
Real Estate	39,521.43	40,841.82
Motor Vehicle Excise 1945	2.85	
1946	1,083.54	1,086.39
Moth. Assessments 1945	17.50	
1946	69.97	87.47
Sewer Rentals		1,304.01
Sewer Assts. Unapportioned	1,757.53	
Sewer Assts. 1946	52.82	
1946 Int.	11.10	1,821.45
Sewer H.C. Unapportioned	1,392.36	
Sewer H.C. Assts. 1945	5.00	

LIABILITIES

Municipal Light Dept. Consumers Deposit Fund		$ 19,573.00
Taxes, Special		621.86
Overlay 1945		7,395.89
Overlay 1946		11,878.62
Overlay Reserve		17,959.61
Hospital Fund Transfer Account		2,279.33
Cemetery Bequest Fund Transfer Account		125.00
Cemetery Reserve Fund		9,919.02
Unexpended Appropriation Balances		98,989.74
Special Funds:		
Baseball Fund	$ 72.00	
Morrison Fund	9.23	
Tailings Account	547.33	
Dog License Fees due County	43.40	
Salvage Fund	6,455.62	
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	1,042.75	
Recording Fee Deposits	2.00	
Raymond Fund	16.78	
Fishing and Hunting Fees due State	12.25	
Withholding Tax	4,787.82	
Blue Cross	1,263.15	14,252.33
Municipal Light Dept. Maint. Acct.	144,897.04	

BALANCE SHEET—(Continued)

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
Sewer H.C. Assts. 1946	27.17		Municipal Light Dept. Underground	1,431.59	146,328.63
Sewer H.C. Assts. 1945 Int.	.40				
Sewer H.C. Assts. 1946 Int.	3.55	1,428.48	Revenue Reserved until collected:		
			Motor Vehicle Excise	1,086.39	
Sidewalk Asst. Unapportioned	2,572.89		Moth and Tree Assts.	87.47	
Sidewalk Asst. 1945	5.63		Sewer Rentals	1,304.01	
Sidewalk Asst. 1946	27.93		Sewer Assts. and Int.	1,821.45	
Sidewalk Asst. 1945 Int.	.23		Sewer H.C. Assts. and Int.	1,428.48	
Sidewalk Asst. 1946 Int.	5.38	2,612.06	Sidewalk Assts. and Int.	2,612.06	
			Highway Assts. and InIt.	2,108.18	
Highway Assts. Unapportioned	1,756.16		Tax Titles	1,074.57	
Highway Assts. 1945	108.35		Tax Possessions	3,825.96	
Highway Assts. 1946	184.52		State and County Aid to Highways	10,062.18	
Highway Assts. 1945 Int.	27.45		Departmental Accounts Receivable	15,892.39	
Highway Assts. 1946 Int.	31.70	2,108.18	Water Rates	7,099.71	
			Municipal Light Dept. Accts. Rec.	50,703.76	99,106.61
Taxes, Special, Chap. 227 Acts 1944		621.86	Water Dept. Available Surplus		$ 13,607.62
Tax Titles		1,074.57	Real Estate Account		4,360.25
Tax Possessions		3,825.96	Surplus Revenue E and D		218,928.32
State Aid to Highways		6,708.12	Loans Authorized Unissued		7,000.00
County Aid to Highways		3,354.06			
Departmental Accts. Receivable		15,892.39			
Water Rates Receivable	$ 6,951.68				
Water Rates Added to Taxes	148.03	7,099.71			

Municipal Light Dept. Accts. Rec.		50,703.76		
Overlay 1941	6.00			
Overlay 1943	8.00	14.00		
Loans Authorized		7,000.00		
Deficits: County Tax	378.07			
Metropolitan Sewer Asst.	2,132.03			
State Parks and Reservations ..	337.97	2,848.07		
		$672,325.83		$672,325.83

DEFERRED ACCOUNTS

Apportioned Sewer Assts. not due	$ 1,443.82	Appor. Sewer Assts. Rev. 1946-1955	$ 1,443.82
Apportioned Sewer H.C. Assts. not due ..	910.34	Appor. Sewer H.C. Assts. Rev. 1946-1955	910.34
Apportioned Sidewalk Assts. not due	2,790.08	Appor. Sidewalk Assts. Rev. 1946-1955 ...	2,790.08
Apportioned Highway Assts. not due	4,367.09	Appor. Highway Assts. Rev. 1946-1955 ...	4,367.09
	$ 9,511.33		$ 9,511.33

DEBT ACCOUNT

Loans Outstanding	$153,000.00	Elementary School Loan	$ 62,000.00
		Storm Emergency	6,000.00
		Drainage System	20,000.00
		Municipal Relief 1939	6,000.00
		Municipal Light	47,000.00
		Sewer	10,000.00
		Municipal Garage	2,000.00
	$153,000.00		$153,000.00

BALANCE SHEET—(Continued)

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Trust Funds, Cash and Securities	$508,283.66	Hospital Fund—Parker	$184,861.29
		Hospital Fund—Grouard	77,585.23
		Cemetery Bequest Fund	111,160.57
		R.H.S. Scholarship Fund	5,159.69
		Public Library Fund	1,065.78
		Public Library Fund—H. G. Wadlin	1,905.85
		Public Library Fund—D. N. Tuttle, Jr. ...	502.50
		Post War Rehabilitation Fund	126,042.75
	$508,283.66		$508,283.66

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT FUND

Contributory Retirement Fund Cash	$ 21,255.39	Annuity Savings Fund	$ 60,355.19
Savings Bank Deposits	5,500.00	Annuity Reserve Fund	6,687.84
Co-operative Bank Shares	17,832.40	Pension Fund	51,207.02
United States Bonds and Other Securities	63,185.35	Expense Fund	180.70
Bank Stock	12,108.00	Special Military Fund	1,839.76
Accrued Interest on Investments	389.37		
	$120,270.51		$120,270.51

TOWN OF READING **JANUARY 1, 1947** **POPULATION 12,327**

Years	Valuation	Valuation Abatements In 1944	1945	1946	Total Abatements	Net Valuation
1944 Property	$17,560,325	$ 228,470	$ 12,400	$ 1,967	$ 242,837	$17,317,488
Excise	369,826	7,764	570	595	8,929	360,897
1945 Property	17,679,334		237,041	2,240	239,281	17,440,053
Excise	283,629		4,192	1,803	5,995	277,634
1946 Property	$18,245,869			21,727	21,727	18,224,142
Excise	445,125			5,667	5,667	439,458
TOTALS	$54,584,108	$ 236,234	$ 254,203	$ 33,999	$ 524,436	$54,059,672

TOTAL VALUATION 1946	$18,690,994
PROPERTY VALUATION 1946	$18,245,869
REQ. SEC. 7	$ 4,561.46
TAX RATE 1946	$ 38.00

AVERAGE VALUATION FOR 3 YEARS ..	$18,019,890
5% OF AVERAGE VALUATION	$ 900,994

Funded Debt Dec. 31, 1946

	Inside Limit	Outside Limit	Total
General	$2,000	$104,000	$106,000
P. S. Enterprise L ..		47,000	47,000
			$153,000
Available Borrowing Capacity Jan. 1, 1947 ..			$ 898,994

REPORT OF THE CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

On June 1, 1946, Mr. Leon G. Bent, retired, as Secretary of the Board, and Mr. Boyd H. Stewart, who was appointed Town Accountant, became the Secretary of the Board.

In August 1946, Mr. Thomas J. Fitzpatrick was elected to fill the vacancy on the Board, caused by the death of John J. O'Brien.

The total membership of the Contributory Retirement System on December 31, 1945 was 152. During the year of 1946, 33 new members were admitted to the system, 17 withdrew, 4 members retired and 1 member deceased, making a total of 163 active members.

The following is the financial statement for the year ending December 31, 1946.

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT FUND 1946

Cash

Balance January 1, 1945		$ 3,214.29	
Receipts			
Receipts 1946:			
Securities Sold	$ 64,371.25		
Income on Investments	2,643.86		
Contributions by members	14,437.32		
Accrued Interest	618.94		
Appropriated by Town:			
Pension Fund	22,340.00		
Expense Fund	700.00		
Military Fund Chap. 419, Acts 1943	371.71		
		$105,483.08	
			$108,697.37
Expenditures			
Payments 1946:			
Investments	$ 65,243.75		
Accrued Interest	246.47		
Pensions	17,823.46		
Annuities	614.07		
Refunds to members	2,843.10		
Administration expenses	671.13		
		$ 87,441.98	

Cash

Balance December 31, 1946	$ 21,255.39	
		$108,697.37

Assets

Cash, First National Bank		$ 21,255.39
Deposits on Interest:		
Mechanics Sav. Bank, Bk. 19442	$ 2,500.00	
Melrose Sav. Bank, Bk. 57239	1,000.00	
Natick 5c Sav. Bank, Bk. 60456	1,000.00	
Pilgrim Trust Co., Boston, Bk. 6254	1,000.00	
		$ 5,500.00
Cooperative Bank Shares:		
Citizens Coop. Bank, Haverhill, Bk. 10941 ..	$ 3,127.60	
Concord Coop. Bank, Bk. 5491	2,887.20	
Lexington Coop. Bank, Bk. 5446	2,878.80	
Reading Coop. Bank, Bk. 9407	2,992.40	
Roger Conant, Salem Coop. Bank, Bk. 12851	2,925.20	
Wakefield Coop. Bank, Bk. 8158	3,021.20	
		$ 17,832.40
Investments:		
2,000 American Tobacco Co. 3's, 1969	$ 2,122.52	
2,000 Chesapeake & Ohio Rwy. Co. 3½'s, 1996	2,130.00	
2,000 Chicago & Northwestern Rwy. 3's, 1989	2,155.00	
1,000 Gr. Northern Rwy. Co. 2¾'s, 1982	1,015.00	
2,000 Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Rwy. 3's, 1986	2,013.83	
2,000 Nat'l. Dairy Products Corp. 2¾'s, 1970	2,115.57	
2,000 Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co. 2¾'s, 1985	2,160.00	
2,000 Schuylkill & Lehigh R. R. Co. 4's, 1948	2,000.00	
2,000 So. Bell Tel. & Tel. Co. 2¾'s, 1985	2,164.95	
2,000 Southwestern Bell Tel. Co. 2¾'s, 1985	2,160.00	
2,000 Terminal R. R. Assoc. of St. Louis, 2⅞'s, 1985	2,098.64	
2,000 Union Pacific R. R. Co. 2½'s, 1991	1,922.34	
U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, 1958	21,000.00	
5,000 U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, 1957 ..	5,000.00	
6,000 U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, 1956 ..	6,000.00	
5,000 U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, 1955 ..	5,000.00	
2,000 Virginian Rwy. Co. 3's, 1995	2,127.50	
		$ 63,185.35

77 Shares First Nat'l Bank, Boston, Cert. Nos. 214282, 184626, 183404, 207258	4,158.00	
100 Shares Middlesex County Nat'l Bank, Everett, Cert. No. A59	3,800.00	
50 Shares Newton-Waltham Bank and Trust, Cert. No. 605	2,650.00	
50 Shares Shawmut Bank, Cert. No. 49693	1,500.00	
		$ 12,108.00
Accrued Interest on Investments		389.37
		$120,270.51[1]

Liabilities

Annuity Savings Funds	$ 60,355.19
Annuity Reserve Fund	6,687.84
Pension Fund	51,207.02
Expense Fund	180.70
Special Military Fund	1,839.76
	$120,270.51

PHILIP R. WHITE, Chairman
BOYD H. STEWART, Secretary
THOMAS J. FITZPATRICK
Contributory Retirement Board

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